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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The President has urgently solicited Solicitor-General BRISTOW to withdraw his resignation, and that gentleman has yielded to the President's request. He left for his home at Louisville this evening, but will return by the 1st proximo. There was no Cabinet meeting today, though all the members are in the city, save Mr. FISH, who is passing the holidays in New-York. There were few visitors at the White House. Judge WILLIAMS, the new Attorney-General, spent some time with the President, after which the latter took a stroll on the Avenue.

SEN. SARGENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

When Mr. SARGENT was elected Senator from California, the other day, resulting in the defeat of Senator COLE, certain journals made haste to proclaim it a defeat of the Administration. The fact is, that so far as the relations of either of these gentlemen toward the President are concerned, those of Mr. SARGENT were quite as cordial as those of Mr. COLE. But Mr. SARGENT himself puts all rest all doubt as to his attitude in certain remarks which he made on the occasion of the reception tendered him after his election on the evening of the 16th inst. He said:

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF SAN FRANCISCO: I thank you for the high honor of this reception to-night, and also your representatives who, so many of them, have given me their suffrages for the important station to which I have been elected. I humbly trust that the people of this city and this State may not be disappointed in their reasonable expectations of my conduct in that office. I believe it is not a matter of importance where a man resides who represents a people. If his manhood and patriotism are provided he is as a representative of a State, but if he is willing and able to understand the interests and necessities of the State, it matters not in what part of it he may recently have lived. It is my desire and purpose to represent to the utmost of my ability the interests of every part of the State. I know that you have local wants in San Francisco. I passed through your streets from your vacant Custom-house lot, a disgrace to the city, while $50,000 a month is paid for rent for Government offices. There are other and important interests to be attended to, and I propose, so far as my abilities may go, that you shall be satisfied with the result of my work. I go, fellow Republicans, to Washington, in close sympathy with the Administration. I am proud of the record that it has made. Since the inauguration of GRANT the Administration has paid $250,000,000 of the national debt, reduced the annual burden of interest $19,000,000 a year in gold. It has saved millions by the sale of gold and reduced taxation by $60,000,000 a year. It has ably settled grave foreign questions. It has settled the difficulties in the Pacific Territorial portions of the country. I know that there are other works to be performed by this Administration; that taxation will be still further reduced; that we will be able to throw off the odius income tax; that the debt which now weighs heavily upon the industries of the country, under the present system will be more gradually extinguished, so that coming generations may bear their share of the national debt which now rests so heavy, as they will share the benefits of the struggle through which we have lately passed. This policy is foreshadowed by the late Message of President GRANT. I trust that great and good men will receive the unanimous nomination soon by our party. Fellow-citizens, I will not detain you longer than to say how much I feel grateful to you for this demonstration in my honor. I trust that in the future, when my record shall have been made, you will have it to say that your trust was not unworthily bestowed.

SENATOR HARLAN.

The charges against the official integrity of Senator HARLAN have not received credence among his associates in the Senate, but their specific character and persistent reiteration has had so much effect that a good deal of anxiety is manifested to have the whole truth, whether favorable or unfavorable to him, made known in relation to the charges. Some of these stories have been circulated in his own State to affect the election in which he is a candidate for another term in the Senate, and whatever effect they may have had there cannot now be counteracted by any proof which there is time to bring forward. Some of the most damaging of these reports have reference to the Senator's relation while Secretary of the Interior with the Wright Indian Territory frauds. As Judge WRIGHT is likely to be brought into Court to answer to charges similar to those which have been made against him in the Press, Mr. HARLAN'S connection with him will incidentally be explained. His friends claim that his defense is complete, and that he will be glad to have an opportunity of vindicating himself. It is certain that very few persons here believe that in this affair he was guilty it at all of anything beyond the exercise of bad judgment. Public opinion is less lenient toward WRIGHT, and the official investigations into his transactions heretofore mentioned have been continued, the results, however, being kept secret by the investigating Commissioner.

THE PROPOSED LABOR COMMISSION.

Mr. HOAR has received numerous letters since the House passed his bill for a Labor Commission, which generally begin by expressing the highest admiration of his course in Congress, and praising him for his attitude on the labor question, but end with a statement of the writer's fitness for a place on the proposed commission, and the desire for Mr. HOAR'S influence in securing the appointment. But, unluckily for these applicants, Mr. HOAR is inclined to find some other signs of capacity in any person whom he might indorse for a position than the ability to be fulsome in compliments to himself; and besides, the Senate has yet to act upon the bill before it becomes a law. It is, however, believed that the Senate will concur with the House in this matter—of course, after amending the bill in some particulars, as it almost invariably does all proposals emanating from the House.

A WITNESS OF SOME NOTORIETY.

Mrs. E. A. POLLARD, somewhat notorious for her connection with the Confederate cause, and for having cowhided a member of the Confederate Congress in the Representatives Hall, as well as for having once shot a Mr. MOORE, in Baltimore, was a witness on the stand in the District Circuit Court, today, in a suit brought by her against J. B. LYON. This is a somewhat notable case growing out of transactions in this city, published a year or more ago, and is to recover damages for an alleged breach of contract relative to the management of the St. Cloud Hotel. Her testimony was decidedly spicy. She said she did not state to LYON that her name would draw custom to the house. She charges LYON with having tried to make her live with him in improper relations, and the letters produced, which tend to prove that she did not object to such proposals, she said she had written while under the influence of chloroform. She was in the habit, she said, of putting herself under such influence when thinking of her children.

Special to the Associated Press.

THE REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

The Secretary of the Treasury made the following assignments of officers of the Revenue Marine:

Capt. John G. Baker, detached from the command of the revenue steamer Mercuria at Newport and ordered to command the revenue cutter Dobbin, at Castine, Me.; Capt. David Ritchie, now on waiting orders, assigned to command the Mercuria; First Lieut. A. G. Cary, assigned to duty on board the revenue steamer Mahoning, at Boston; First Lieut. Henry P. Blake, ordered to duty on board the Grant; First Lieut. W. L. Shuman, detached from special duty in connection with the building of revenue steamers, and placed on waiting orders; Second Lieut. Geo. E. Williams, detached from the Active, at New-Bedford, and ordered to duty on board the Grant; Second Lieut. F. H. Rogers ordered to the Lawrence, at Puget Sound; Second Lieut. A. J. Meisberg ordered to the Active; Third Lieut. W. McKendry detached from the Mahoning and placed on waiting orders, pending relief by Third Lieut. Woodward, and Third Lieuts. Edmund Burke and John Morrisey ordered to the Grant.

Hereafter it is the intention of the Treasury Department, as far as they may be needed and the exigencies of the service will permit, to make assignments of revenue officers quarterly.

THE CONSULAR SERVICE.

Mr. KEILY, agent for the United States, in closes to the Secretary of the Treasury a full list of his communications concerning the condition of the Consulates of the United States in Asia, Egypt, and South America, adding:

The Consular service is not only exceedingly irresponsible in its practical operations, but in the main discreditable to the nation. This is the result of three important defects, namely, insufficiency of compensation; the appointment of unsuitable persons in many cases; and lastly, the astonishing crudeness and imperfections of our Consular laws.

THE TICHBORNE CASE.

A communication has been received at the Treasury Department from the counsel for the defendants in the celebrated Tichborne case, in which the Secretary is asked to furnish him all the information in his possession concerning the Whersabouts, in certain months in 1854, of all registered vessels of the United States bearing the name of *Osprey*. It will be recollected that in the evidence in this case, it was shown that the contestant for the Tichborne estates was a passenger on an English vessel named the *Bella*, which foundered off Rio, on the South American coast, and that he was picked up among others by the Captain of an American vessel named the *Osprey*.

THE WHARTON TRIAL.

Proceedings of the Eighteenth Day—Results of the Analysis of the Liver—Antimony in Large Quantities.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The Criminal Court of Anne Arundel County, for the trial of Mrs. WHARTON, reassembled today at 1½ P. M., a full bench, consisting of Chief-Judge MILLER and Assistant Judges HAMMOND and HAYDEN, being present. All the counsel and jury were in their seats, and the prisoner and daughter, with the female friends who have been constantly at their side since the commencement of this protracted trial, occupied their usual places inside the bar. The Court-room was crowded, in anticipation of exciting evidence. When the Court adjourned on Saturday morning last until today, it was for the purpose of allowing time to Prof. TORREY to complete his analysis of the liver of Gen. KETCHUM, commenced on Monday of last week. When Prof. TORREY left the witness-stand on Thursday, he had proceeded so far in his analysis as to obtain a number of dark spots on a porcelain plate, which indicated unmistakably, in his opinion, the presence of arsenic or antimony. Immediately after opening of Court today, Prof. TORREY was called to the stand and testified:

Taking several of the dark spots on the porcelain plate, his object was to test either the presence of antimony or arsenic; a ready solubility would denote antimony, and the more difficult solubility of the remaining part would denote arsenic; applying a very slight heat the solution was evaporated to dryness, giving on the outer edge of the evaporated spot the unmistakable color of antimony; the center of the spot was of a light yellow color, fading to white; further tests on these spots, with the aid of a microscope, gave a canary-yellow color of arsenic in quantities too small to be detected by the naked eye; the experiments, therefore, proved the spots were composed principally of antimony. Witness was satisfied by the result of the nature of the deposit. With one or two other spots he tried nitrate acid to see if he could get white oxide of antimony. No satisfactory result was obtained, and he made no further experiments with the spots. His next experiment was with another part of the original solution, to see if he could obtain metallic antimony. This test was also unsatisfactory, and was put aside as of no particular value on account of the exceedingly minute results obtained, if any. A second test for metallic antimony was also unsatisfactory, the witness stating that the quantity of the material used for experimenting was too small to operate with. Further experiments with the original solution, obtained a precipitate of sulphide of antimony equal to six-tenths of a grain, which would be three or four-tenths of a grain of metallic antimony. Witness stated that, judging from the result obtained from the quantity experimented with, which was a little over half, the whole liver might have contained from one-half to three-quarters of a grain. All the foregoing experiments were made from materials taken from the large jars containing the liver. The witness next took the contents of the small jars, containing one kidney and the spleen, and experimenting with the same test, had proceeded so far with his analysis as to obtain dark spots on a porcelain plate, indicating arsenic or antimony. He had progressed no further.

At this point counsel for the prosecution stated that the evidence was closed on the part of the State. The Court then, at 2½ P. M., adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

MISSOURI KUKLUX RAMPANT.

Raid on Colored Men in Saline County—Five Murdered and the Work Still in Progress.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—A special dispatch to the St. Louis *Democrat* from Sedalia, Mo., says that Christmas Day witnessed a preconcerted outbreak of Kuklux at Marshall, Saline County, Mo., and vicinity. A large number of armed men turned out in pursuit of the negroes in the district; patrols were placed near the town, and every traveler was halted and questioned; all business was suspended, and mob violence reigned supreme. It is not known how many negroes were killed, but a man who left Marshall at 11 o'clock P. M. saw the dead bodies of five, two hanging by the neck and three lying on the road. He also saw one terribly wounded, having his shoulder shot away. At the latest accounts, the crowd of armed men were starting out and swearing they would clear out every negro in the county.

Christmas Festival at the Cornell Memorial School.

Last evening the infant class of the Cornell Memorial M. E. Sabbath-school gave an entertainment in their new school hall, in Seventy-sixth-street, between Second and Third avenues. The exercises consisted of songs and recitations which, on the whole, were admirably rendered by the little folks. Great praise is due to Rev. W. E. PEYTON, the pastor, and to all concerned for their admirable arrangements for the comfort of the little ones.

DEATH ON THE ERIE.

Singular Wreck of a Coal-Train on the Honesdale Branch.

A Boulder Stops the Train and Kills a Fireman—Terrible Death of Another Employe—A Painful Case.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LACKAWAXEN, Penn., Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1871.

A singular and unusual accident occurred on the Honesdale branch of the Erie Railway today, just above this place, which resulted in the death of a fireman, and the total wreck of fifteen coal-cars. The train was approaching this station, which is the junction of the branch with the main line, about noon today. The branch road runs at the foot of a high range of hills, embedded in the side of which are many immense bowlders. When the coal-train was within three-quarters of a mile of this place, one of these rocks, loosened by the thaw of the past day or two, and weighing many hundred tons, came thundering down the side of the mountain and lodged on the railroad-track, only a few feet ahead of the train, which was running pretty fast. The engineer, Mr. D. S. WOOD, scarcely realized the critical situation of affairs before his engine went crashing at full speed upon the immovable obstacle. The engineer and fireman, whose name was JOHN SHULTZ, were thrown from the engine, the latter striking his head on a rock many feet away, and was instantly killed. The engineer was, however, only slightly injured. The momentum of the train being checked so suddenly, the centre of it was thrown high into the air, forming for an instant a huge pyramid, and then fifteen of the cars went crashing down an embankment forty feet to the river. None of the train hands were injured beside the two named. The locomotive, No. 229, was completely wrecked.

The deceased fireman was a young married man, and lived in Port Jervis, where his body was taken in the New-York express.

JAMES GOULD, a railroad man, met with a fearful death at Greycourt, the junction of the Newburg and Warwick branches of the Erie with the main line, on Christmas morning early. He was on the track making signals to an approaching train, and in stepping out of the way, caught his foot in a frog. He could not extricate himself, and the train was too close to stop. It struck him and almost cut him in two, knocking him out of the frog, leaving his foot fastened there. Although terribly injured, he lived just long enough to be taken to Port Jervis, where he was carried into the presence of his wife and child. This unfortunate man, a few weeks ago, fell from his train and received injuries from which he had just recovered—the trip on which he was killed being the first he had made since getting around. His family is destitute.

THE ARKANSAS TROUBLES.

A Republican Assassinated in Arkansas—The Murderer Arrested.

The following letter is published in the Washington *Chronicle* of Monday:

LAKE VILLAGE, Chicot County, Ark., December, 1871.

Hon. A. G. Biddle, Washington, D. C.:

DEAR SIR: On behalf of myself and family I undertake a mournful duty. Our hearts are bowed with sorrow. We mourn for our gallant and noble young friend, WILLIAM L. WYNN, who was, on Monday, the 11th inst., most foully and infamously murdered at this place by Ku-klux assassins, for advocating the Republican Party. Myself and a few friends, while utterly unsuspicious of foul intent, arrived just in time to support the failing form of our friend and capture his dastardly murderers. Monday last being court day, quite a number of persons were in town. Mr. WYNN, a few friends, and myself had just dined together. After talking with the family a little while, and playing with the children, poor WYNN walked out of the house—which is only about two hundred yards from our dwelling—in company with Capt. CRUTE, whither I had just preceded them. He stood talking with myself and other friends for two or three minutes, and then walked out. In about five minutes thereafter, making in all, perhaps, little more than ten minutes from his leaving our dwelling, the blood of our martyr friend was pouring upon the ground from a wound inflicted by a Kuklux by the name of JOHN H. SAUNDERS, who was aided and assisted by two other noted desperadoes and Kuklux, named respectively CURTIS GARRET and JASPER DUGAN. We were fortunate enough to prevent the escape of either of the murderers. You may rest assure all friends that no man ever died more sincerely mourned than is Mr. WYNN by the Republicans of Chicot County. He was an ornament to our Bar, and one of the brightest stars of our State. But, alas! he has fallen another victim of Kuklux violence and of hatred to Republican principles, simply because he dared uphold the right, and to speak in behalf of the weak and needy. My heart is too full to write. The spirit of rebellion and hatred to the National Government is more bitter now than ever. As you perhaps are aware, I am a native of this county. My long acquaintance with the rebel population therefore allows me to judge with some accuracy. I speak from what I know. Martial law ought to be declared throughout the entire South. I am, very truly, yours,

JAMES W. MASON.

Mr. WYNN was a graduate of the law department of Howard University, much esteemed. Mr. MASON is a State Senator of Arkansas, and was a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio. R.

The Troubles Controlled by the Officers of the Law.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 26.—CONWAY BARBOUR, the colored Assessor of Chicot County, arrived here today. He was at Lake Village when WYNNE and three others, charged with killing him, were shot. He left there Friday, and says everything was quiet there; that no excesses have been committed, and that the officers of the law have complete control of affairs. The Governor has not heard from the Adjutant-General, and will await the report from him before taking any action.

Reprisal in Armed Possession of a Village—Three White Murderers Lynched by Them—Other Lawless Acts.

The Vicksburg (Miss.) *Herald* gives the following account of the origin of the negro troubles in Lake Village, Ark.:

"It appears that on Monday, the 11th inst., JNO. SANDERS, CURTIS GARRETT, and a Mr. DUGAN, became engaged in a political discussion with a negro lawyer named G. W. WYNN, in the barroom kept by GARRETT. High words passed between SANDERS and WYNN, when the former procured a bowie-knife from GARRETT, and stabbed WYNN in the neck, killing him instantly. The three white men who took part in the quarrel were arrested at once and lodged in jail. The negroes became very much infuriated and threatened vengeance for several days; rumors of mob violence were rife, and yet the authorities took no steps whatever to prevent it. Friday last a large crowd of armed negroes assembled around the County Jail, and demanded the keys of the Sheriff. He at once surrendered them, when the fiends entered the jail, took out SANDERS, GARRETT and DUGAN, and shot, beat and battered them in the most horrible manner, besmearing the walls and fences with their blood, and then striking their lifeless bodies with every imaginable weapon. The savages next repaired to the house in which WYNN was killed and tore it down and destroyed everything it contained. Intense excitement prevailed, and many of the white citizens were moving their families away to places of safety, the bloodthirsty mob having threatened to burn the town and kill every white person in it. The Sheriff and other officers appeared unable to do anything with the mob, and no one could tell where the bloody work would end."

The *Herald* of a later date, that of Thursday, Dec. 21, gives the following additional particulars:

"A gentleman who left the vicinity of Lake Village on Monday reports that there is no improvement in the state of affairs in the village. The butchered citizens, GARRETT, DUGAN and SANDERS, received a rough burial, but the negroes still hold the town, and are some 300 strong. Pickets are stationed on every road leading to the place, and no person allowed to enter except by permission of the blood-stained villains. But one white family remains in the place—the rest have moved and beyond the reach of the mob. The negroes take everything they want from the stores, and send foraging parties out to the neighboring plantations for cattle and such country produce as they require. The Governor was telegraphed at Little Rock, and Senator CLAYTON appealed to at Washington for assistance. The Governor had not been heard from, and CLAYTON telegraphed back he could do nothing until he communicated with him. Failing to secure aid at a distance from the State or Federal authorities, it was believed the white people would organize, arm and march upon the town. If so, bloody work maybe expected."

OBITUARY.

Jacob Barker.

A Philadelphia telegram announces the death, in that city, of Mr. JACOB BARKER, formerly well known in financial circles as one of the most successful brokers in the country. The event was not unexpected, as Mr. BARKER was quite infirm with age. JACOB BARKER was born on the 17th of December, 1776, on Swan Island, at the mouth of the Kennebec River, in the State of Maine. His parents were Quakers from Nantucket, who removed temporarily from that exposed situation during the Revolution, and returned thither at the close of the war. Mr. BARKER'S mother was a FOLGER, of Nantucket, and a cousin of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S mother. He lived there until the age of sixteen years, when he entered the school of WILLIAM SAWYER HALL, at New-Bedford. At the end of a year he went to Nantucket, and commenced his business life by entering the store of JOHN BLEDIN, but soon after shipped as a green hand on board a packet bound for New-York, with the ultimate intention of going to the East Indies.

At this time his capital was $100. His brother, who was in business in New-York, prevailed upon him not to go to sea, and he entered the counting-house of ISAAC HICKS, an extensive commission merchant of New-York. He resided in New-York until 1804, being extensively engaged in the mercantile and banking business, and then he went to New-Orleans, where for nearly thirty years he was prominently engaged in the same pursuits. He commenced his speculative and mercantile career quite early. While yet a boy in New-York, he became interested in three ships and one brig, kept an account with the United States branch bank, and obtained discounts from it. The result of all his traffic during his minority was a profit of $5,000 over and above the cost of his board, apparel and other expenses. With this capital he commenced business in 1801. On the 27th of August of that year he married his schoolmate, ELIZABETH HALLAM, daughter of THOMAS HAZARD, Jr., of New-Bedford.

By the failure of an Irish merchant, one HENRY DRAYER, he was utterly ruined financially at the very outset of his married life. But this did not intimidate him, and he commenced his operations again, on a smaller scale, almost immediately. At one period (believed to be 1812), he devoted himself to raising money for the Government. On the 8th of February, 1813, Congress passed an act authorizing the borrowing of $16,000,000. Mr. BARKER immediately advanced $25,000, but the Government procured only about $6,000,000.

Another loan was called for, and Mr. BARKER went zealously to work and succeeded in raising a subscription list of $2,400,000, and he subsequently tendered the Government a loan of $5,000,000, at a period when it was in the utmost distress for money. This patriotic course excited the ire of the Federalists, and Mr. BARKER became a target for their virulent abuse, and by their influence his offer was not accepted at the time made; eventually $1,726,000 was accepted of this amount.

About the time Mr. BARKER embarked in the scheme to found a National Bank, but Congress refused to pass the bill. On March 24, Congress passed a law authorizing the President to borrow $25,000,000. In helping to raise this amount, Mr. BARKER was as usual zealously active.

When news of peace arrived, Mr. BARKER considered his future, supposing that the National Bank bill had been passed. But the peace news so elated Congress that it would not consider the banking project, and as the Treasury continued embarrassed, a United States Bank was established. Had the news been delayed an hour, the bill would have passed, and Mr. BARKER $2,000,000 the richer.

The outbreak of the rebellion found him one of the largest capitalists of the South, and a devoted Union man. He was too far advanced in years to take an active part in the struggle, and at its close became quite a warm antagonist of the Congressional policy of reconstruction. It was during the rebellion that Mr. BARKER, then eighty-five years old, appeared in Washington, trying to get a pass to go to New-Orleans, where his business required his presence. He says he called on President LINCOLN, who declined giving it, and turned him over to Mr. SEWARD. Mr. SEWARD referred him to the War Department, which, in its turn, declined also. Finding himself unable to get on in any regular way, he returned to Baltimore, where, by means of sloops and open boats and various other enterprises, he got down the bay and across to Petersburg, and thence to Richmond. The trip, though a very exposing one for a man of his advanced years, gave him no inconvenience, and he proceeded at once by rail to New-Orleans.

At the close of the war Mr. BARKER started to come North from New-Orleans, to present at Washington his credentials as a Louisiana Senator. The steamer in which he started ran on a sand-bar near the mouth of the Mississippi River, and became hopelessly grounded. The next day after the accident he noticed another steamer, bound for New-York, coming steaming down the river. Mr. BARKER determined to get on board her. He was rowed out in a small boat to meet her, and got on board with no other baggage than the clothing upon his back, and succeeded in getting safely to New-York. When he presented his credentials they were refused by Congress, but such was the influence of Mr. BARKER at Washington, that he got Congress to make an appropriation for the purpose of placing buoys in the Mississippi, whereby the sand-bars could be designated, as they shifted from time to time, and telegraphed news of the same to the Louisiana Governor before the unfortunate steamer was afloat. Since the war Mr. BARKER has been leading rather a retired and quiet life. For the last two years he has been stopping at the residence of his son, Mr. ABRAM BARKER, on Spruce street, Philadelphia.

His career was a very stormy one, the qualities of the man calling down upon him the envy and malice of inferior people with whom he was brought in contact. But as an example of resolution and upright dealing, carried consistently through the most dramatic operations and disastrous losses, there is no brighter page in the merchant annals of our country than his business life.

RAILROAD PERILS.

A Western Railroad Crash—Narrow Escape of the Passengers—Three Train Hands Killed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Further particulars of the accident on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railroad, Saturday evening, at Shell Rock River Bridge, says the train had two locomotives on account of the heavy drifts. The two locomotives, tenders, baggage and caboose cars went through the bridge, the baggage-car resting at a steep angle. The engineer of the first locomotive, E. L. JUDD the fireman of the second, ROBERT EALSTON, and one brakeman, J. W. BARTLETT, were instantly killed at their posts. The baggage-master and a section-hand had their legs broken, and a passenger named A. TOWNE had three ribs broken. A few others were seriously bruised. Fortunately the passenger-coach was stopped in time to prevent its plunging with the rest, thus saving many lives. Mr. TOWNE, with his broken bones, picked up the baggage-master and drew him to the upper end of the car, where he was taken out of a window by the conductor. Mr. TOWNE then sank from exhaustion, but was rescued by some one crawling in after him. By great exertions, LOOMIS and BILL, the two connectors, saved the train from fire by rubbing in snow after the cars were several times ablaze. The bridge, it is feared, had been tampered with by some evil-disposed person.

The Seventh Violent Death in a Southern Family.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 26.—THOS. HAWKINS shot and killed PORT JELTON at a festive party on Christmas night, near Cowan, on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. They had, during the day, quarreled, and on meeting at night, HAWKINS immediately attacked JELTON, the second shot passed through his heart, killing him instantly. JELTON is the seventh of his family who have met violent deaths. One brother was recently killed in Nashville, while assisting the Police.

OUR MUSCOVITE VISITOR

Westward Progress of the Grand Duke of Russia.

Arrival at Cleveland—His Reception—Gift to an Artist—The Chicago Preparations—Interesting Correspondence.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—Grand Duke ALEXIS arrived here at 8¾ o'clock this evening. He was received at the depot by the Mayor and a committee of citizens, and serenaded later in the evening. Tomorrow the Grand Duke will be driven about the city and to Newberg, where he will visit the iron-mills and other manufactories. On his return he will review the Fire Department, and then visit the National Reserve Exposition, which opens to-morrow. The Duke remains here until Thursday. His welcome was very cordial.

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—The Grand Duke this morning presented PARKER ROSA with a valuable bracelet studded with turquoise and diamonds, as a token of the pleasure he enjoyed at the opera on Christmas. After witnessing the process of elevating grain at the Niagara elevator, the royal party left at 11:40 A. M. for Cleveland.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The following correspondence passed between the Mayor of this city and the Grand Duke ALEXIS:

"Allow me the honor of extending to your Imperial Highness and suite a cordial invitation to visit Chicago during your American tour. I am obliged to apologize in advance for the inadequate reception we shall be able to give your Imperial Highness. We have but little to exhibit but the ruins and *débris* of a great and beautiful city, and an undaunted people struggling with adversity to relieve their overwhelming misfortunes. But as the son and representative of our national great friend, Russia, you will be warmly welcomed in Chicago, as in all America. I hereby tender your Imperial Highness the freedom of the city during the period that you may be pleased to honor it with your presence. I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

JOSEPH MEDILL, Mayor of Chicago.

This is the Prince's response:

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—SIR: His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke ALEXIS has instructed me to express his thanks for the kind feelings you entertain toward His Majesty the Emperor, as well as your cordial invitation to visit the City of Chicago, which he has great pleasure in accepting. His Imperial Highness regrets extremely the great misfortune which has befallen your city, but he has confidence in the energy of the men of Chicago in rapidly removing all traces of distress.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant. POISSET.

JOSEPH MEDILL, Esq., Mayor of Chicago.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

ITALIAN OPERA.

The opera at the Academy goes out with the old year. It has been more prosperous than was looked for, and not undeservedly so. There has been, to be sure, less novelty than was expected, but the works given have had unusual justice done them, and the impression left by artists and management is unusually satisfactory. The house gathered last night to hear the "Trovatore," suggested the beginning rather than the end of a season. It was full to overflowing, and the tediously-worn strains of the opera were listened to as though they had been fresh as the dews of morning. We wrote at length on the 14th ult. of the treatment received by the "Trovatore" at the hands of the same artists, and have nothing to add to the encomiums then offered. The performance of last evening was in no respect inferior to the first one, and, so far as the plaudits of the audience are to be taken as exponents, the final representation of this opera for the season was the best one. With all respect to the singers and to Signor VERDI, we are happy to know it is the final one; for surely the "Trovatore" has had wearisome repetition in New-York, and it is high time that, for a space, it should be shelved. Those to whom the intimation may be disagreeable may console themselves with the reflection that to-night the "Traviata" is to be sung—also for the last time this season—so that recollection of the numbers of that unfamiliar work may be revived by way of compensation.

Mlle. NILSSON acquitted herself charmingly last night in every respect. It is one of many good qualities that recommend this delightful artist that she plays no caprices on her audiences. What she has to do she does with unvarying steadiness and smoothness, sparing herself no labor or closeness of attention to do justice to her art, her public, and herself. Mlle. NILSSON has secured in New-York a position of enviable popularity, and she richly merits all the favor she has received. Signor BRIGNOLI was likewise in fine voice on this occasion, and was often warmly applauded. In the concerted music he was heard to great advantage, and in the favorite solos he never created a more pleasing impression. Signor BARTOLINI sang less tremulously than he did at times on his first appearance, and Miss CARY gratified the public by a stronger and more dramatic picture of *Azucena* than we have been accustomed in New-York to see, while her vocal efforts were in most respects all that could be desired. The chorus and orchestra were fairly up to the mark, and the performance was altogether equal to the expectations of many who were attracted to the Academy by glowing reports of the former representation of the same work. With the "Traviata" of to night, and "Martha"—perhaps on the whole the success of this company during the present season—on Friday, the series of operas at night will come to an end. There will, however, be a single farewell matinée on Saturday, when "Mignon" is to be sung. After this the troupe proceeds to Pittsburg, and thence to Cincinnati and St. Louis.

Theatrical.

PROPOSED BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

We learn that it is intended to arrange a matinée performance at Niblo's Theatre, for the benefit of Mrs. MATILDA HERON. Miss LAURA KEENE has taken the first steps in the movement, and several leading persons in the profession are co-operating with the lady. Their efforts in behalf of an actress whose talent and industry have long since been recognized will, we hope, be attended with satisfactory results. The success of the representation, it is thought, will not only aid Mrs. MATILDA HERON pecuniarily, but will be especially gratifying by "compensating her for her ill-fortune in St. Louis, attributable," we are assured, "to bad management and unexpected hostility." A meeting of gentlemen interested occurs today.

Miscellaneous.

MR. CIPRICO'S READING.

Mr. CIPRICO, a native of this City, but long a resident of California, read at Steinway Hall last evening, in presence of a tolerably numerous assemblage. Had the adjuncts of the stage been in use we might say, with greater propriety, that Mr. CIPRICO acted. The frequent changes of voice and the perfect repose of the reader were wanting in the gentleman's performance. It was, on the other hand, decidedly impressive in a theatrical sense, and inspired the belief that Mr. CIPRICO'S efforts on the stage would be interesting and effective in no ordinary degree. TROWBRIDGE'S "Vamboola," POE'S "Raven," SAXE'S "Pyramus and Thisbe," and the first act of "Hamlet," were the subjects dealt with. The text was recited with abundant intelligence and variety of delivery, and the animation of facial expression and gesture gave the entertainment a freshness and a force readings proper—with one or two notable exceptions—do not possess. Mr. CIPRICO was much applauded.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.

A feast of novelties for the Christmas Holidays has been prepared by the manager of the New-York Circus, and the new attractions will be displayed every afternoon and evening until further notice. Besides the usual equestrian exercises, the performances on the "Musical Rocks" by the JEM brothers, the bare-back riding of Misses KEPP and ROLLAND, the wonderful somersaulting of Mr. FISH, and the really funny sayings and doings of the two clowns, SHAL and ALMONTE, a spectacular pantomime, founded on the well-known nursery tale of "Goody Two Shoes," is represented. In this the whole company appear, and with ludicrous make and beautiful and startling transformations, the audience is kept in a state of pleasant excitement, relieved by much merriment. The dresses are fresh and pretty, the Harlequin and Columbine, (which parts are filled respectively by Mr. CHARLES FISH and Miss LE POINT,) are agile and graceful, and the clown, ALMONTE, is as comical as it is possible for a Clown to be. At any rate, the large audience of small people assembled in the Circus last evening seemed to think so, for their laughter and plaudits cheered him throughout the entertainment. The BAZAAR family, the LEVANTINE brothers, and other favorite artists, appear in the piece besides the above-named performers.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The ice in the Hudson River is melting very fast. Several teams have been lost.

The weather in California continues warm and rainy, and the grass is growing rapidly.

GEORGE W. BATCHELDER, of Laconia, committed suicide, on Monday night, by taking laudnum, at Concord, N. H.

Yesterday being observed as a holiday in London, England, the markets were closed and business wholly suspended.

The house of JONATHAN BRYANT, in South Livermore, Me., was robbed by burglars on Saturday of $1,200, $600 in coin.

A young man named WM. SCHUSTER was run over and killed, on Monday, by a locomotive, near the Cleveland Union Depot.

Dr. WM. C. DE WITT, the oldest physician in Ulster County, fell dead yesterday, at a patient's bedside, near Saugerties.

Chicopee, Mass., voted, yesterday, to subscribe $100,000 to the stock of the Springfield and Athol Railroad.

Twelfth night (Jan. 5) will be appropriately celebrated in New-Orleans in the customary Holiday manner.

A stand of colors was, last evening, presented to the Shevenanon Guards, at their armory, on Newark avenue, Jersey City.

Last evening, the School-house at New-Utrecht, a two-story frame building, was destroyed by fire, involving a loss of $5,000. No insurance.

The Sublime Porte, supported by Russia, is pressing the Government of the Danubian Principalities for a settlement of its railway obligations.

A drover named JOHN SIMONS was seized on Monday night, by two ingawarmen, near Albany, and robbed of $60 in money and a draft for $1,000 he had received in payment for cattle.

CHARLES and JOHN SCHUCKNER, the brothers who stabbed the Chelsea, Mass., City Marshal on Sunday night, were yesterday each held in $10,000 for examination next Monday.

FREDERICK SANBERG, of Boston, aged fifty-one, while deranged, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting. He leaves a wife and family.

The town of Lyndeboro, N. H., has voted a gratuity of $6,000, the town of Greenfield $10,000, and Francestown $6,000, for the extension of the Wilton Railroad to Greenfield.

Seventy-two dollars were received at the Treasury yesterday from an anonymous correspondent, in Philadelphia, who owed that amount to the Government.

The Republicans of Bangor, Me., last evening, nominated Mr. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT for Mayor, to fill the unexpired term of the late Mayor DALE.

A boy and girl named MYERS, were run over on Monday night in Terre Haute, Ind., by a runaway team. The girl was instantly killed and the boy badly injured.

JOHN M. CLEM, the drummer-boy of Shiloh, called at the White House, yesterday, to thank the President for his appointment to the Second Lieutenancy in the Twenty-fourth Infantry.

MICHAEL HIGGINS, alias "Red Mike," notorious for his connection with land-jumping operations in the western part of San Francisco, was found dead in San Francisco Bay under circumstances leading to suspicion of foul play.

A Pennsylvanian known as George, and whose real name was believed to be either STEWART or NELSON, a butcher, died in Sacramento from the effects of a beating wantonly inflicted by a party of roughs on Saturday.

MARY MCKARROLL, while crossing the Lake Shore Railroad at Buffalo, with a child in her arms, was instantly killed by a passing train. The child was thrown between the rails and escaped unhurt.

EDWARD COUGHERTY, of Albany, was killed by the fall of a scaffold at the Globe Woolen Mills, Utica, yesterday afternoon. JOHN LITTLE and DAVID DES MORION were severely injured. All fell a distance of about fifty feet.

JAMES W. KENNEDY, a stock broker, shot himself on Tuesday in his office in Pittsburg, Penn. He had been unsuccessful in stock operations, but his affairs were found to be not badly involved.

The Norwegian bark *Halda*, MORBERG, master, from London for Philadelphia, with a cargo of chalk, is ashore near Hereford Inlet. She has bilged and is going to pieces. The vessel and cargo are a total loss.

Rev. W. C. WALLACE, of Atlanta, Ark., was shot and killed there Dec. 20, by a man named SHELMAN, who, while drunk, had used insulting language to Mr. WALLACE'S family, and the latter had reproved him.

Dr. EBENEZER BOYDEN, a wealthy retired physician of Billerica, Mass., aged seventy, committed suicide on Sunday by hanging. He had attempted it once before, and had often expressed fear of coming to want.

Capt. JOHN MICHAEL, of the Welsh brigantine *Nina*, loading for Liverpool at Halifax, N. S., quarreled with DANIEL DUGGAN, his boatswain, on Monday night, and shot him twice in the head, mortally wounding him.

Christmas Day was observed at the State Prison in Charlestown, Mass., by giving the convicts an excellent dinner and pardoning ROBERT ERWING, of Pennsylvania, and CHAS. FISHER, of Maryland.

The Cosmopolitan Well, at Shrub Grass, Penn., belonging to BOTSFORD & Co., took fire, yesterday morning, by an explosion of the gas, while drilling, severely burning six men. The derrick was entirely destroyed, but the fire extinguished.

Two prisoners confined in the Queens County Jail, awaiting trial for burglary, made a desperate attempt to escape from that institution on Monday morning. One of them broke his leg, and the Sheriff's pistol stopped the other. They were placed in confinement.

In the Passaic Court, yesterday, the first of the 180 suits against the Erie Railway for overcharges on freight, was concluded. The damages were laid at $500. The pl

EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

Interesting Extracts from Our English and Continental Files.

Gossip About the Prince of Wales—Condition of Affairs in the French Republic—Japan and China News.

ENGLAND'S PRINCE.

Details of the Critic of the Malady.

From the London Times Dec. 11.

LYNN, Sunday Evening.

The bulletins of the Prince's physicians are drawn after so much careful deliberation and consultation, and are framed with so much candor, that those who read them with competent knowledge will do well not to improve upon them by the addition of imaginary dangers which do not exist. It is, of course, foreign to the purpose of these bulletins to read a clinical lecture upon the daily symptoms of the disease, and the medical details of illness have rather to be summed up in a phrase which shall express the result of the course of those symptoms than give a record of bedside phenomena. It is, however, felt to be desirable that so much of these matters shall be authoritatively known as may disabuse the public mind of the painful impression that the complications in the case of his Royal Highness are of that same abdominal type which so rapidly proved fatal in the sad instance of the late Lord CHESTERFIELD. Happily the Prince escaped that fatal effect of the action of the enteric virus upon the intestines, which, leading to very severe ulceration, so thins the tissue of the intestinal tube that perforation of its walls occurs. The symptoms which indicate this lamentable occurrence are of a well-known and strongly-marked type. They have not existed in the case of the Prince. In the symptoms which Sir WILLIAM GULL examined on Friday evening there was a considerable accession of fever, and, with this, indications that the air passages of the lungs were implicated in an inflammation secondary to the fever. There was much irritation of the mucous membranes and a considerable secretion from them, clogging the bronchial tubes and impeding the breathing. This was accompanied by other concurrent causes of grave anxiety. There were great weakness and nervous prostration, and difficulty in expelling the bronchial secretion.

SUMMONS TO THE ROYAL FAMILY.

This complication was, therefore, most alarming, and the symptoms assumed features so immediately threatening that it was necessary to inform the Queen and the members of the royal family of the extremely grave condition into which his Royal Highness was brought by the spreading fever of this disease, and by his own infection. Her Majesty, it may properly here be mentioned, had throughout commanded that detailed information of the symptoms marking the progress of the Prince should be continuously forwarded to her by periodical telegrams. Her Majesty arrived, as you know, by special train on Friday afternoon, when the Queen was accompanied by the Duke of EDINBURGH and the Princess LOUISE, Marchioness of LORNE. Prince ARTHUR followed at midnight. During all this anxious day, the symptoms continued to develop themselves in a form which could not but occasion the gravest doubt as to the ultimate result, and, indeed, which left little certainty of what each minute might bring forth. I do not refer to the bulletins, for they are so clear and accurate that from them may be traced precisely the cause of the illness, and after the explanation which I have been thus permitted to give; there cannot, I think, be further misapprehension. During the early morning of Saturday the Prince got some hours of quiet rest, and the report, on the whole, was that there had been no ground lost. This continued throughout the whole of that anxious day. At midday Prince LEOPOLD and the Princess arrived, and shortly afterward his Royal Highness the Duke of CAMBRIDGE. His Royal Highness deeply moved by the Duke of CAMBRIDGE'S heartfelt words to the Prince on almost fatherly affection. Fortunately, it had been possible to convey to the Duke, before starting, intelligence of a somewhat more encouraging character than the sad messages which alone express the status of Friday night.

AN IMPROVED CONDITION.

As the day wore on, the condition of the Prince, while remaining still very precarious, continued to show indications of a tendency to better itself. During the whole of Friday and that night there had been little, indeed, to encourage hope. The physicians, who, when things looked brightest, had declined to pledge the future, now, when things were at their worst, gave no countenance to counsels of despair. The faint hope which they had kept alive began to strengthen during the day, and night fell upon a household which, although filled with the deepest anxiety, was comforted by a brightening ray of hope. During the night there were no fresh grounds of anxiety other than that incidental to the condition already described, and in the morning the Prince had gained ground slightly. He had passed the night in comparative tranquillity, suffering less from the difficulty of relieving the clogged air passages, although at intervals tending to relapse into very dangerous conditions of the impediment to the respiration and general prostration. On the morning of Sunday the impression of the physicians was still comparatively favorable and their bulletins are somewhat more reassuring, but the improvement was not such as to do more than relieve the most serious fears.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The more favorable aspect of things this morning induced her Royal Highness the Princess of WALES to quit for a few moments the bedside of the Prince in order to join in public worship at Sandringham Church, and to offer up prayers for his Prince. The Princess wrote a few lines to the Vicar, Rev. LAKE ONSLOW. So simple and so touching are the words that their heartfelt earnestness, trust and humility will impress on the affectionate respect in which the Princess is held by the nation. I may venture, too, to mention their purport. After the service the Princess wrote: "My husband being, thank God, somewhat better, I am coming to church. I must leave, I fear, before the service is concluded, that I may watch by his bedside. Can you not say a few words in prayer in the earlier part of the service that I may join with you in prayer for my husband's safe return to him?" The Princess attended service, reaching the church by the private path from Sandringham grounds. She was attended by Lady MACCLESFIELD and Gen. Sir WILLIAM KNOLLYS, and at the time of her entrance the Prince occupied the royal pew alone. To meet the wishes of the Princess, the reverend vicar, before reading the Collect, prayed in a voice trembling with emotion, which he vainly sought to suppress, said "The prayers of the congregation are earnestly sought for his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES, who is now most seriously ill." As the prayer was proceeded with deep feeling and in accents of fervent sympathy by the minister, who prayed for a kind, gracious and well-loved friend no less than for the royal Prince, round whom so many hopes and strong affections clustered, there was a deep and reverent solemnity throughout the small congregation, consisting chiefly of the household and dependents of the house, among whom their royal master is deeply beloved. All joined fervently in the prayer, which reflected their heartfelt trust. The Princess rose shortly after and noiselessly quitted the church by the side door through which she had entered, and which adjoins the royal pew. The Duke of CAMBRIDGE and Prince ALFRED, ARTHUR and LEOPOLD were present. Before commencing the Litany the minister again besought the special prayers of the congregation for his Royal Highness. The text of the sermon was from Psalm cxlvi., verse 5—"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." Very delicately and very affectionately, without immediate reference by name to the sufferings of the Prince, it suggested and touched upon the topics of grave self-examination and trustful hope suggested by the prayerful consolations which the selected text implies. The sermon was short, impressive, and preached with a simple and earnest emotion which went straight to the hearts of the congregation. When the little congregation separated it was to form one link in the chain of the one mid-day condition of the Prince continued to offer some slight encouragement, and so they went their way, doubtingly and oppressed with anxieties, but refreshed in spirit and entertaining feelings of prayerful hope.

AN ALARM.

LYNN, Monday, 11th—8 P. M.

The untiring devotion, the skill and tenderness which are lavished upon the Prince have been richly rewarded by a success which has called forth beyond the anticipation of experience and the reach of authorized forecast. My telegrams to you, of which the last in your first edition was sent by me at 1:43 this morning, apprised you, I hope, clearly, and in a manner which all can understand, while the technically instructed will not except to it, wherein lay the chief source of danger and how early the morning of Monday developed upon a condition of oppression and of bronchial effusion which threatened so become at any moment suffocating from the difficulty which the patient experienced in clearing the air tubes or in breathing through them while obstructed. This position of affairs lasted for some hours. The Prince had some sleep, tended by silent and affectionate watchers, among whom was the Duke of EDINBURGH. The Queen and other members of the royal family had desired, when rousing to rest at a late hour, that they should be immediately summoned if any change should occur, and before it was light in the morning, a cause for the worse did occur—a paroxysm of difficult breathing with general symptoms so alarming that no one could say how, or how quickly the attack would end, and it became necessary to fulfill the instructions of the Queen and family by arousing them and informing them of the alarming change which had once more set in. At o'clock when the morning bulletin was issued, the spasm of the air tubes had somewhat subsided. The Prince was easier, and the immediate causes of anxiety were lessened, but the more urgent symptoms had continued. This lasted through the morning, but with a gradual tendency to relapse into the severity of the more serious local distress, and you will trace in reading the succession of bulletins for noon and afternoon that there is a perceptible heightening in the wording of the bulletins, which in itself is hopeful, and which may be thus interpreted: "The symptoms of suffocating catarrh continued. The air passages being thus obstructed by bronchial secretion, the inspiration is greatly interfered with, and the convulsive efforts of the lung being too feeble to be effectual, great distress occurs. This distress is aggravated by occasional spasm of the tubes, tending altogether to close their calibre. This spasm is a result of the irritation caused by the lodgment of the bronchial secretion in the tubes. It greatly aggravates the distress, and causes the most alarming accesses of breathlessness, approaching to asphyxia."

Influence of the France's Illness—Events and Possibilities.

From the London Times, Dec. 12.

Yesterday the Cabinet met for the first time since the Prince's illness has assumed its alarming character. How different the prospects of the session from its day when Mr. GLADSTONE addressed his constituents at Greenwich, or, still later, made the usual after-dinner speech on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's banquet! Then the matters which engaged public attention were of a kind more than usually commonplace. The political horizon was somewhat troubled, but this was rather the result of past storms than of the presence of any new danger. We might expect a session busy and useful, but unmarked by any extraordinary incident. There was a general feeling that, in the political commotions of the last few years, legislation on a variety of very necessary matters had fallen into arrear, and that 1872 might well be devoted to them.

Today, however, other thoughts must have filled the minds of the assembled Ministers. The news which any hour might bring must have cast a shadow upon every deliberation. It is true that the removal of a Prince of Wales is not like a demise of the Crown, which, indeed, itself does not have all the immediate political importance it once possessed since the late Reform act has suspended with the necessity of dissolving Parliament. The heir apparent to the Crown is but a subject, though the first of subjects, and his death would have no legal effect upon any department of administration. Nor would it have any effect on parties, for the Prince, unlike every other heir apparent of the House of Hanover, has taken no part in politics. The party fresh from its election, and partly, we have no doubt, from the belief in which he was trained, that a political Prince of Wales is not likely to benefit either the State or his friends or himself, the Prince has not enrolled himself in either camp. How, then, should the illness of the Prince affect the prospects of the Government? We should say, by the distraction of public attention during the next few weeks, and during the earlier portion of the session, from the subjects on which it had begun to concentrate itself strongly. An event of this kind changes the current of men's thoughts, and deadens the interest with which they look on ordinary legislation. If the illness of Prince of Wales be realized, Parliament will meet amid a profound feeling of sympathy for the Queen and for the Prince's family, and without the disposition to be critical of administrative errors. It need hardly be said that, in case of the Prince's death, not only must a Regency bill be introduced, but that the maintenance and education of the infant children of the Prince must be the subject of a message from the Crown, a proposal from the Government, and a vote of Parliament.

These things cannot but affect the deliberations of a Cabinet at such a conjuncture as the present; but if they in some measure disarrange the plans of parties by changing the temper of the public mind, we have allowed to believe that neither the anticipation of this calamity nor its too probable realization need prevent the more useful work of the year. It is rather as quenching for a time the spirit of party contention that an unfortunate issue of the Prince's illness would be likely to modify the aspect of the session. One cannot but think how different might be the tendency of the impending fit of misfortune if the Prince of WALES had yielded to the temptations to which some of his predecessors succumbed, and made himself the leader or the patron of a party in the State. That the heir to the Crown should intrigue with the opposition has been the practice in other royal houses than our own, and cynical writers have applauded the kingcraft displayed in this method, since it gives the royal family friends on both sides. Yet the history and memoirs of the last century in England prove that monarchy can exert no more deleterious influence on statesmen, on society, and on the conduct of public business than by dividing itself in this manner. GEORGE, Prince of Wales, more than once brought the Whigs into a false position. Yet when he succeeded to the sovereignty he found himself unable to carry them with him into power, and had to bear the accusation, unjust though not unnatural, of having deserted them. During the whole period from his appearance on the stage of public affairs to his accession to the Regency there was a succession in which his party alliances and the opposition, political and social, which he carried on against the Court, did not embarrass Ministers, widen the gulf between parties, and strengthen animosities which ran through the entire community. We have still enough of party feeling. Though the enduring hatreds of past times may be unknown, yet anger flames very high at times, and public men become the subjects of very warm dislike to their opponents. Fortunately, such divisions receive no countenance from royal partisanship; the head-quarters of faction are no longer at this or that palace; and consequently the royal house may always look for true respect and sympathy from parties on which it has never smiled or frowned, and from a Legislature in which it has never intrigued.

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

A New Work by M. Renan—The Nation's Intellectual and Moral Reform.

Paris Correspondence of the London Times.

In the midst of the material and moral chaos from which France now suffers it is satisfactory to hear a French voice uplifted in the cause of truth. I have in my possession the proofs of a new book which M. ERNEST RENAN is about to publish, under the title of *La Réforme Intellectuelle et Morale de la France*. I do not think a bold and truthful book ever appeared at a more appropriate time, was better molded for the imperative wants of a nation, better fitted for use if that nation desires to live and to improve, or more calculated to displease if the desires to continue on the way to destruction by the paths of mediocrity. The book is not entirely without faults; but, without agreeing with all its views, it is yet impossible not to feel that each page conveys a lesson and gives food for reflection. If I may be permitted to say exactly what I think, I have found more serious matter in it than in all the speeches with which the public mind is fatigued, and more weight than in all the Presidential Messages can have for philosophical minds. I know I am going against the modern current of opinion in thinking more of ideas than of facts. I hope I may be pardoned for this singularity if I set myself with M. RENAN to study causes the better to judge of consequences.

THE PAST.

These are not very difficult to ascertain; the evil is apparent. "Enervated by Democracy, demoralised by prosperity itself, France has expiated in the most cruel manner her years of folly." Volumes might be filled with the recital of misfortunes which for eighteen months have accumulated upon a country whose position in the world has never been insignificant. "Presumption, puerile vanity, want of discipline, of a serious spirit, of application and honesty, weakness of mind, incapacity for entertaining several ideas at a time, the absence of any scientific qualities, childish and ever-green ignorance—such is the résumé of one year of our history." The judgment is cruel, but just. A war which is at least useless is declared. Why? Some insist that NAPOLEON III. was urged on to it by the nation; others that he entered into it for the sake of turning attention from internal politics, from the inspiration he greatly interfered with, and the ex-siliary

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Closed at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 26.

FIRST BOARD.

$1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	113½	200 N. Y. Cen. & Hud. R.	94½
1,000 U. S. 10-40 C.	109½	300 do.	94¾
1,000 U. S. 10-40 C.	109½	100 do.	94¾
1,000 Va. 6s, Consol.	69½	100 do.	94¾
1,000 Va. 6s, Def'd	21¾	100 do.	94¾
1,000 Tenn. 6s, Old	69	100 do.	94¾
10,000 N. C. 6s, Old	33½	200 do.	94¾
1,000 N. Y. C. 7s, '76	102	200 Erie	20
1,000 do.	102	200 do.	20
1,000 do.	102	200 do.	20
1,000 Union Pac. 1st	85	100 do.	20
1,000 U. P. L. G. L.	80	100 do.	20
1,000 U. Pac. 10s, Inc.	82½	100 do.	20
1,000 do.	82½	100 do.	20
5,000 Tol. & W. 6s, St.	90	100 Panama	100
1,000 do.	90	100 do.	100
2,000 Tol. & W. Con.	75	100 Clev. & Pitts.	92½
1,000 do.	75	100 Ohio & N. W.	48
1,000 C. R. & P. 7s, '83	103½	100 do.	48
1,000 C. R. I. & P. 7s	103½	100 do.	48
1,000 Lack. & Div. 7s	103	200 do.	48
1,000 N. Y. C. & H. Cts.	93	100 do.	48
2,000 do.	93	100 Chic. & N. W. Pref.	84
1,000 Canada	77	100 do.	84
1,000 Quicksilver Min.	26	200 do.	84
1,000 Quicksilver Pref.	30¼	200 do.	84
1,000 Wes. U. Tel. 7s	85	200 Chic. & R. I. & Pac.	103
1,000 do.	85	65 C., C., Cin. & Ind.	85
1,000 do.	85	100 Mich. Cen.	89½
1,000 Pacific Mail	32½	100 Mich. Cen.	89½
100 do.	32½	100 Ohio & Miss. Pref.	73½
100 do.	32½	100 do.	73½
100 do.	32½	100 do.	73½
100 do.	32½	100 do

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Il Trovatore. [Italian Opera.] Mme. Charlotte Milleder.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—Julius Cæsar.—Mr. Edwin Booth.

WINTER GARDEN.—The Black Crook.—Miss Rose Wilmot.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—John Garth.—Mr. Lester Wallack.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—Divorce.—Charlotte Cushman.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—Humpty Dumpty.—Mr. W. L. Forbes, Emily Thorne.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—Ticket-of-Leave Man.—Mr. and Mrs. Florence.

AIKEN'S OPERA HOUSE.—Le Pont des Soupirs. [Open Every Night.] Miss Aiken.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—Variety Performance.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performance and Curiosities.—Afternoon and Evening.

P. T. BARNUM'S Museum, Menagerie and Circus.—Hercules Hall, the Wrestler.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—Equestrian, Gymnastic and Athletic Feats. Matinee at 2½.

DIXON'S SOUTHERN CIRCUS.—Equestrian, Gymnastic and Athletic Feats. Matinee at 2½.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—Negro Minstrelsy.—Farce.

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The many friends and admirers of Mr. JAMES H. HACKETT, the veteran actor, will learn with regret that he is lying dangerously ill at his residence at Jamaica, Long Island. His disease is dropsy, with complication of liver and lung complaint, the result of a severe cold taken two weeks ago. His condition at present is a critical one, and but slight hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery. Mr. HACKETT is now in his seventy-second year.

A Citizen and Tax-payer of the Twenty-first Ward sends us $50 for the Children's Aid Society. We publish his letter in another column. We have also received the following contributions, and on behalf of the Society we sincerely thank the generous givers. The money has been forwarded to the Secretary, Mr. C. L. BRACE:—"J. C.," $5; "C. W. C.," $10; "Carrie Viele," $5; "Collected by Master G. C. F.," $4 70. The last correspondent deserves great credit for the self-denial he has shown. It is not every one who begins the good work of charity at so early a period of life.

The combination that is being formed to elect THOMAS G. ALVORD to the Speakership of the next Assembly threatens, if successful, to place the Republican Party in a most unfortunate position before the people of the State, who have so generously confided in its ability and willingness to carry out the work of reform. It is reported that he has already enlisted in his support the Syracuse Salt Monopoly, the Canal Ring, and the Central Railroad, and that that boast of their determination to elect their candidate, even if they have to buy his way into the Speaker's chair. Their success would be the signal for a general rendezvous at Albany of all the lobbyists and legislative jobbers throughout the State. The Republican Party cannot afford to acquiesce in such a calamity, much less to invite it; and we earnestly entreat all honest and independent Republicans who care for the welfare of the party, to do their utmost to avert it. Let them insist that the choice of Speaker, to be made in caucus on Monday night, shall be by a viva voce vote, and not by secret ballot. The public will then know, at the beginning of the session, who are going to join the ranks of the corruptionists at Albany this Winter, and who can be called on to carry out the wishes of the people.

We answer Correspondents.

Our readers will observe that Gov. BUTLER has introduced into the House of Representatives a bill conferring upon Women the right to vote. In other quarters also the demand for woman suffrage has been very much increasing of late, and we observe that some of our contemporaries regard this as an excellent theme for ridicule. We cannot look upon it in that light. We have always held that whenever the time came that women generally claimed the privilege of the franchise, it would be the duty of the Legislature to concede it to them. The old prejudices against women are fast disappearing, and have not much left to stand upon in this country, where women, as a general rule, are quite as "bright" as men. Indeed, if most men gave a candid opinion on the subject, they would admit that the clever women of their acquaintance far outnumber the clever men. As for their influence on political life, if it is always to be exercised as it was in this City during the fight with Tammany, there would assuredly be no reason to dread it. Although the women could not vote, they worked very hard at home in the cause of honesty and good government, and if they could have gone to the polls, the blow delivered at the Tammany thieves would have been even more overwhelming than it was.

We cannot admit, then, that this is a fit subject for ridicule. It deserves fair inquiry and discussion, fully as much as any other public topic now before the country. We find in this week's *Recollector* a condensed account of what some of the leaders of the "woman suffrage movement" ask for, and we confess that we are unable to see anything unreasonable in the programme:

"The American Woman Suffrage Association, at its recent Convention in Washington, resolved, 1. That we demand suffrage for women, as citizens of the United States, and that we claim this not as privilege, but as a right, because those who obey laws should have a voice in their enactment; and those who pay taxes a voice in the expenditure; 2. That woman suffrage will promote the public welfare, because the social and moral qualities in which women differ from men are imperatively needed in government, and because the equal co-operation of men and women is alike essential to a happy home, a reformed society, a Christian church, and a Republican State; 3. That woman suffrage, which means equality in the home, means therefore greater purity, greater economy, and greater permanence in marriage; 4. That we respectfully call upon Congress to enact a law extending suffrage to women in the District of Columbia, and all Territories; also to take such steps as are needed, by the constitutional amendment or otherwise, in order to abolish political disfranchisement on account of sex everywhere throughout the Union."

There are, however, two or three points upon which information ought to be obtained before positive legislation can be safely entered upon. In the first place, we should likely to know, if possible, what proportion of women throughout the country ask for the suffrage? The leaders have been at work long enough to form some idea of the strength of their forces, and ought to find no great difficulty in giving us this information. In the next place, how do women propose to deal with the thousands of their own sex who infest great cities, and live by the most shocking of all trades, and who certainly would not form desirable additions to the voting population? It is bad enough to have to deal in this City with the gangs of ignorant ruffians which Tammany has always had at its beck and call. Add to them the inhabitants of Greene-street and similar localities, and we much fear we should be taking a long step backward in the work of government. Depraved women would undoubtedly be brought up to the polls in great numbers by their cronies, who are generally found among the worst class of men; and it may be that the respectable women would do as respectable men too often do—refrain from voting altogether. What restriction can you place upon the suffrage so as to guard against this danger? The educational qualification would not do—and a test for virtue would be hard to find, and harder still to apply. We mention this difficulty, because we should like to hear what the woman-suffrage advocates have to say about it. Of course it is an awkward and a delicate subject to discuss, but it must be discussed before the proposed change in the franchise is made. It is one of the practical difficulties which have to be fairly faced. Instead of laughing at people who talk about woman suffrage, it will be much more to the purpose to listen attentively to their arguments, and to ascertain whether they have duly thought over all the obstacles in the way of the reform—for it may turn out to be a reform—they so persistently demand.

The Proposed Civil Service Reform.

It would be a great comfort to know what Gen. GRANT's most noisy opponents really want in the way of civil service reform. When, more than a year ago, he recommended to Congress a policy of the most sweeping nature, going beyond even Messrs. JENCKES and EDMUNDS, the champions of the movement in the House and Senate, these eager critics declared that he ought not to ask Congress to take up the work, that he ought to inaugurate it himself, and that he had plenty of power to do so. When he took them at their word, and, after having appointed an unexceptionable Commission to propose a system of reform, adopted its recommendations, and did inaugurate the reform, these men with sore heads are not a whit better satisfied. They say it might have been done a great deal sooner; that it leaves the President too much power; that it is just such an arrangement as an ambitious President would desire; that it don't meet their views regarding the New-York Custom-house, and that it don't amount to anything any way, because the man who has set it up can knock it over. They are serenely indifferent to the fact that the system was one contrived in great part, and wholly approved, by one of the editors of the most powerful, if not the only powerful, Anti-Grant paper in the country. They are conveniently oblivious of the provisions of the Constitution, and of the long line of influential if not authoritative interpretations which make the power of removal by the President almost, if not quite, impregnable. They quietly ignore the sensible and practical arguments of the Commissioners sustaining the limitations which it has been found necessary to place on the system. After having pretended to be the special champions of civil service reform, and prating for months of the necessity of making a beginning in it, they sneer at the well-matured and comprehensive measure of the President as half a loaf, and devote their energies to magnifying the importance of the other half, to the almost absolute exclusion of the actual gain.

There is little advantage in impugning the motives of public men. It is not worth while, therefore, to trace these inconsistencies to their origin in disappointed ambition and greed, in envy, jealousy and personal spite. But it is as well to remember that the country generally is very slightly affected by the strained and grudging criticism, bestowed by the opponents of Gen. GRANT upon his last declaration of respect for the will of the people. The people know that they asked for some adequate measure to stop the offices of the civil service of the country being made the prize of politicians, and they know that they have got just such a measure. They may be prejudiced to on the duty of the President to have done something else, or to do something more, but they see what he has done, and that it is the first time any President has done anything like it, and it "is good in their sight." The politicians of the more vulgar and venomous sort find it very hard to understand how very little they amount to in public estimation. They can retail their grievances at any length, and show to their perfect satisfaction that the President's civil service reform will never amount to what its authors imagine, but their own restless and inconsequent grumbling is the strongest possible testimony to its probable efficiency.

Two Good Measures in the New Charter.

In a work so difficult and elaborate as that just performed by the Committee of Seventy—the drafting a new charter for this Metropolis—it is incumbent on all who criticise to do so with great care and with some reserve. Each of the many new provisions proposed by these gentlemen has been long and closely considered, and carefully discussed in Committee. The members are above suspicion of interested motives, and are many of them, men of marked practical ability and legislative experience. It is obvious, in the sketch of the new charter already given to the public, that the Committee had clearly in view two great evils to which our Municipal affairs had always been subject, and with which we have hitherto vainly struggled. One is the indifference or discouragement of the intelligent classes in regard to the City Government, and the other, the secrecy which shrouded all the financial and business proceedings of the City officials—the latter affording an unequaled opportunity for the dishonest to rob the public.

The partial dependence of the Municipality on the State we have never regarded as an evil, nor the constitution of the former City Commissions, many of which did excellent service. The Constitution of 1871 threw the City utterly on itself and cut off the obnoxious Commissions, and yet the last year was characterized by the most gigantic Municipal frauds and peculation ever known. The final overthrow of the Tammany clique was the result of no particular constitutional system or *doctrinaire* ideals, but of the aroused conscience of the people, and the publicity given to the swindlings of the City officials. The object of government is not to present a pure Platonic "idea" of what government should be, but to provide in the simplest and cheapest way the blessings of life, order, liberty, and convenience. This, we know, thus far, our City Government has not succeeded in doing. The Committee of Seventy seek to remedy the first of the radical evils of our system by giving the classes which will always be in a minority in our City—the intelligent and well-to-do—a chance, if they choose to unite, to check and control the Government. Hitherto the Republicans, and those of the Democrats who desired to stop the current of peculation and extravagance in City affairs, had really no fair opportunity. What could an honest man in the First, or Fourth, or Sixth Wards, for instance, do, if he wished to put a respectable person into the Board of Aldermen from those districts? He and his friends might unite till doomsday, and get up "Citizens' Associations," and pass resolutions, but when they came to the polls, the thousands of roughs, and vagabonds, and loafers, would vote the "regular ticket," and the honest men be left out in the cold. How often has the experiment been tried of uniting the Republicans and honest Democrats, and how constantly has it failed?

There is in this City an enormous ignorant Irish Catholic constituency, which, under demagogues, will, under all ordinary circumstances, inevitably out-vote and overweigh the more intelligent voting population. This fact, tested by a thousand experiments in the past, it is, which has more than any other cause discouraged and disheartened our intelligent classes—and has come finally to render them indifferent. All their efforts at the polls seemed to be only stopping the tide with pebbles—numbers always outbalanced them. Few men who have large business interests dependent on them can spare much time for the machinery of politics, and they are still less likely to give time if they are uniformly and hopelessly beaten in every election.

The late election has shown that there is no lack of proper manhood among our young men of the better classes, or of disposition to do disagreeable public work, provided there is a reasonable hope held out of success. The new charter attempts to remove the old indifference by giving a proportional representation to any minority may choose to unite, not only in the principal legislative body of the City—the Board of Aldermen—but in all the important Departments which are chosen by it. A well-handled minority in every Department district might, under this plan, to be able to carry one candidate for Alderman; for it is in the highest degree improbable that even in such districts as the Sixth, the Democrats would so divide their overwhelming majority among their candidates as to shut out one or more from the minority. In the uptown districts, the chances of the Republicans or opposition would be still greater. With this possibility of contest, and, above all, with a fair and strict legislation securing an honest ballot-box, very respectable citizens would undoubtedly allow their names to be presented as candidates for Aldermen. A decent and honest minority would thus be secured in the Board. By another provision, all assessments and ordinances which appropriate money or levy taxes, are required to be passed by a two-thirds vote, so that the minority can thus control the public expenditures. Moreover, in each Department, the minority in the Board will have a choice of members, so that every Commission will contain some members who represent the party inferior in numbers. Thus the Republicans and honest Democrats in the City will have an important place in the Board of Aldermen, and in every Department of the City Government; inferior, of course, to that of the other party, as is just, but yet influential.

Publicity is also to be secured by the publication of all contracts, assessments, and applications of public moneys in a "City record," together with the proceedings of the different Boards. The Department of Finance is also required to publish a complete detailed monthly statement of all the receipts and expenditures of the City. Thus, with minority representation and publicity of accounts, two of the greatest evils under the old system, are done away with, and we may reasonably hope for a more general share by the better classes of the City in its government, and that the greatest temptation to fraud and extravagance will be removed—namely, its secrecy.

An Agency of the Orleans Crash.

M. ERNEST FEYDEAU has distinguished himself in various ways. Among the rest, his claims to pre-eminence in literary excellence stand on a firm and substantial basis. The author of *Fanny* can proudly challenge comparison on this score, even in Paris. There are plenty of dirty writers there, but M. FEYDEAU, like Saul, towers a head and shoulders above his fellows, and may be called, indeed, the high priest of corruption. It is a penalty, however, inseparable from this kind of enviable reputation, that it must be sustained as well as made. In Paris it is an object of such eager ambition, so many hands are forever stretching to grasp the prurient crown, that, like liberty, its price is eternal vigilance.

Now it had seemed, for some time past, that this Jove of feculent letters was nodding. He had produced nothing in the way of sensational indecency for a considerable period. It was thought by some who take an affectionate interest in such things, that the epoch of FEYDEAU had gone by, and that a new sun was about to burst on the horizon. Such observers are wiser now. They know that the great man was only incubating a fresh surprise, a new delight for his appreciative admirers. He was out of sight for a time, but he has blazed forth once more with pristine splendor, dazzling both friends and foes. His genius has taken a new departure, charming alike for its moral salubriousness and its graceful originality. France, M. FEYDEAU clearly thinks, is too good as well as too poor; or, is perhaps too poor because she is too good. He has hit on a plan for getting rid at once of both these objectionable characteristics. The plan, that is to say, has been heard of before, but M. FEYDEAU's brilliant advocacy gives his suggestion all the air of a first discovery. His views are set forth at great length in the *Gaulois*; and the main scheme proposed is the establishment of national gambling hells at Paris, and at all the French watering-places, the profit to go into the coffers of the State.

The Emperor WILLIAM, it is said, has "put his foot down," and the green cloths and roulette tables must pack out of Germany at the end of the terms of their present licenses. Everybody knows that large sums can be made out of the business even with a "square" game. The impoverished French Treasury needs cash, and why not get it in this way as well as in any other? It is only necessary, says the modest creator of *Fanny*, to trample under foot "stupid prejudices" and learn "to laugh at being afraid of what people say." True, the tables are to be abolished in Germany, but this is merely "to flatter Protestant hypocrisy." Besides, all that was wanted has been gained. Germany, according to this virtuous counsellor, is in something like the position contemplated by our rascal leaders of the "Ring," who always meant to "quit sack and live cleanly, as gentlemen should"—after they had stolen money enough. Still further, the less gambling there is in Germany, the more there will be in France. The incensate Germans may sit and swill beer, and stultify themselves with tobacco, and mumble "Der Wacht am Rhein," while the alert Gaul will pocket the shining gold which before was scattered at Homburg and Wiesbaden.

In order to show his sincerity, M. FEYDEAU proposes that the privilege of setting up gambling-houses in France shall be conveyed to himself. It is to carry the right of subletting and of transmission to his heirs. For his part, he will engage to pay to the Government 250,000,000 francs per annum, which in five years will amount to "five milliards"—we don't quite understand M. FEYDEAU's arithmetic—"being just the amount of the German war indemnity." The ingenious author seems to think that many of his countrymen, under such circumstances, would gamble out of pure patriotism. And, indeed, what would the hotel-keepers, and cabmen, and guides, and waiters, do with their time if they were not allowed to fleece the foreigner at the gaming-tables? M. FEYDEAU does not dwell much on the moral aspects of the case. "Are not all the interests of France," he asks, "and all the wishes of Paris, against the hostile measure?" And he might add, "Do not two wrongs make a right?" or, "Are not chance and sagacity mere equivalents?"

What is more worthy of note is that this scheme, immensely profligate as it is, has been received with favor by a considerable portion of the French Press, and that M. FEYDEAU is quite petted for the eloquent way in which he has depicted its advantages. A proposal in behalf of what it is hardly an exaggeration to call a plan for corrupting a whole people, is thus warmly extolled, and its author crowned with flowers as a public benefactor. Another point worth noting is the skill with which M. FEYDEAU varies his sensations. A coarser artist would have kept on repeating his former successes. In this we are reminded of a brilliant but misguided contemporaneous poet, who has lately forsaken the wild praises of capricism to compose an apotheosis of blasphemy. In the "sunrise" that Mr. SWINBURNE says is to light up the progress that M. FEYDEAU advocates, France will be far on the road to perdition indeed.

Reform in Brooklyn.

The Committee of Seventy-five have agreed upon some of the main features of a charter. The Mayor and Aldermen are to be elected yearly. Instead of twenty-two, there are to be but nine Aldermen—one from each Assembly District. The powers of the Common Council are greatly enlarged. All heads of Departments, except the Superintendent of the Water Department, Auditor and Controller, which are elective, are to be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Aldermen. It is proposed to give the Mayor power to prefer charges against any official; to suspend him during the investigation of those charges by the Aldermen, and appoint a successor *ad interim*—so that a criminal like TWEED cannot, pending inquiry, continue in office, with power to suppress evidence by altering the records in its custody.

Of late years the better classes have paid little attention to municipal elections. The reasons given by members of the Committee are, that the Board has been gradually falling into disrepute, by having its most important powers taken away and bestowed on irresponsible commissions by the Legislature; and also, that as a portion of the Board go out each year, the few to be elected are not of sufficient importance to attract much popular attention. In proportion as the duties of an office are lessened it becomes degraded, and inferior politicians succeed to men of ability. In Brooklyn the persons composing these commissions, together with a few outside politicians, constitute what is known as "the Ring." They have squandered the public money and used their immense patronage in controlling conventions and corrupting officers of election. Two years ago, sixty-seven officers of election were indicted for destroying votes or making false returns. Many of these men were employes of the Water Board, and many of the rest were subsequently given situations by that body as a reward for their conduct. Not one was ever brought to justice. This year the same system of fraudulent voting and of election returns was resorted to, under the same patronage, but on a greater scale. There are one hundred and twenty-eight electoan districts in Brooklyn. In one, five hundred fictitious names were added to the poll-list. In another—the Third District of the Sixth Ward—there are seventy-two persons whose residences appear by the poll-book to be out of the district, yet every one of these persons was permitted to vote. In another district fifty-four per cent. of the entire vote was given by repeaters. At every poll more or less fraud was committed.

As already stated, the Aldermen were so classified that only a portion of them went out of office each year. Consequently, the people never could strike effectively at a corrupt party. The utmost they could do was to act against a fractional portion of it at every annual election, which in fact amounted to but little, as the Commissions which had all power were beyond popular control. The futility of fighting an ignoble and comparatively powerless body, thus organized, caused many respectable persons to abstain from voting at municipal elections. The great object of the Committee is to do away with these Commissions; restore all power to the Common Council; bring the whole body every year before the people for condemnation or approval. These municipal elections will, from their importance, attract great public attention; the people will be careful who they vote for, and politicians will not select infamous characters as candidates for civic honors.

The Wolves in Sheep's Clothing.

The Greeley Tammany Republicans are more careful of their bread and butter than of their own honor—if, indeed, they have any of the latter quality. They unanimously pledged themselves to abide by the action of the State Convention in dissolving their organization. In spite of this, they have carefully kept their Committees alive, and on Thursday night they went through the form of electing officers for the coming year. These Tammany men are no fools. They make the best show they can, and it is not their fault that they are still obliged to present as their representatives the stipendiaries of Tammany. They can't "make a whistle out of a pig's tail," and they can't get many respectable figure-heads to represent them; so they have to "come to the front" themselves; and hence their lists of officers read like transcripts from the Ring pay-rolls.

Of the Presidents just elected we notice the inevitable MARK LANIGAN, whom the *Tribune* described in substance as the associate of traitors to the Republican Party; THOMAS MULLIGAN, who had, if he has not still, his "dummy" on the pay-roll of the specific police at $2,500 a year; Engine Fire Wardens, and the same who swore that he is too ill to deny his deposition; WILLIAM C. HANNA, "MIKE" NORTON's Superintendent of Jefferson Market Police Court, at $6,000 a year; JAMES MCQUADE, who has lived in Kings County for years; JOHN DUKE, the contractor for CARRY HALL'S Board of Education; GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Tammany school-teacher; EDMOND C. LEE, Police telegrapher, at $1,800 a year; WILLIAM ATKINSON, whose representative to his brother as clerk to the Police Department, at $1,500 a year; GEORGE H. VAN CLEFT, City Surveyor and employe of Board of Works; WILLIAM H. DE CAMP, clerk to the Fire Marshal, at $2,500 a year.

Of Vice-Presidents we recollect no man who was removed from the Appraiser's office by Mr. MCELRATH or Gen. PALMER for corruption; also, ELBERT ROBERSON, taster of oils in the Fire Department at $1,800; while of Secretaries, there is EUGENE SOUBERAN, Police telegrapher, at $1,200, and JOHN NORTON, book-keeper to Board of Health, at $2,000. Of delegates to the Central Committee we notice JOHN E. MCCARTY, keeper under Charities and Correction, $1,000; PATRICK GOLDEY, engineer under same, $1,000 and board; PHILIP E. HERRMANN, clerk to Police, at $1,500; DAVID MILLER, Deputy Tax Commissioner, at $2,500, and member of American Club; BENJAMIN F. SCHAFFER, Tammany School officer; JOHN V. GRIDLEY, whose son is Police telegrapher, at $1,800; JAMES L. HASTIE, stationer and printer to Board of Health; ROBERT MURRAY, whose memory the *Tribune* has rendered fragrant, (he is doubtless eager to vote for HORACE GREELEY for Chairman;) JOSEPH B. POULSON, clerk to "HANK" SMITH, at $2,000, paid by the tax-payers; "IKE" OLIVER, TWEED's grand juryman, whose son is at once Police Court clerk at $2,500 and Court officer at $1,200; JAMES T. COMMERFORD, keeper under Charities and Correction, at $1,000; GEORGE P. COLCHESTER, clerk to Board of Health, at $1,500; GEORGE H. VAN CLEFT, City Surveyor; RUFUS F. ANDREWS; BENJAMIN A. WILLIS, whose name is known to the records of Ludlow-street Jail, together with other ships off the same block.

These are the "stock actors." They appear year after year. Tammany keeps them in its regular company. They remain permanently on its pension rolls. Besides these, there are the "minor and the "supers." Of the former, we notice HORACE GREELEY, who lives, votes, and pays taxes in Westchester County, but assumes to represent the Eleventh District, who last August sung a loud pean over his pledge to obey the State Convention, and has been careful ever since not to keep his pledge. Then there are ENOCH L. FANCHER, who stated months ago that he had shaken the dust of the Tammany Republicans from his feet; JOHN COCHRANE, who furnishes the rhetoric for the party, and one or two others. But, alas, the name of "HANK" SMITH no longer appears with that of Mr. GREELEY. Can it be that the startling report is true that "HANK" has "experienced religion," and refuses longer to travel in such company; or is it that now that the Bowling-green Savings Bank requires all his attention, he has refused longer to pay the bills, and so has been cast overboard?

In a hurried examination, without inquiry from others, we make out that not less than ten of the twenty-one Presidents, several Vice-Presidents and Secretaries, and about thirty of the delegates to the General Committee, are directly or indirectly drawing the money of Tammany. We believe that inquiry would enable us to increase these numbers by at least a third. But it is not worth the trouble. An organization which, after the exposures of the last six months, can still put forward as its representative men such stipendiaries of the Ring as we have named, needs only to be exposed to become utterly unimportant. We suggest to them that, to complete their burlesque, they should, at their first meeting, pass resolutions in favor of Civil Service Reform, and denounce the Administration and the Senators who uphold it as being in favor of corruption. Having done this, let them report to TWEED for further orders.

A Provisional Republic.

The difficulties of establishing a Republic in France may be inferred from the fact that M. THIERS himself does not venture to proclaim, in his late message to the Assembly, that the country has emerged out of the provisional stage of Government, which began with the party agreement at Bordeaux. "You are sovereign," says this nominal President of the Republic to the Assembly, once more convened. "I am merely your administrative delegate. Yours is the task of forming the final system of Government for the country; my labor is the secondary one of reorganization. * * You, I repeat, are sovereign; you are the freely elected representatives of the people." It sounds strangely in Republican ears to hear any body of men, less than the entire nation, called a sovereign power. The expression is still more unfortunate, when it is remembered that the Assembly was chosen for none of the purposes designated by M. THIERS. It was elected at a time when the majority of the nation had but one thought, and that was how to make peace most expeditiously and most cheaply. The invader was in possession of forty of the departments of France, and the only qualification which was indispensable to any of the elected Deputies was that he should be in favor of ending this state of things at once. It was only a secondary consideration whether he was Republican, Monarchist, or Bonapartist. The question of a Constitution and a permanent order of things was not then before the people, and it is somewhat preposterous to hear of an Assembly being called upon to settle the very matters for which their qualifications were never tested.

The present relations of political parties in France afford one of the best possible illustrations of how necessary to the stability of free institutions is the existence of constant and trustworthy expressions of public

Thiers, unlikely, most probably, from the want of a certain unpleasable kind of political shrewdness. When, therefore, he sulks with baited breath and almost the pen negatives of his office, before the majority of the Assembly, it may be presumed that he believes that majority to have the destinies of the country in their hands. When on the other hand, we find that the first transactions of the Assembly give evidence of a continued distrust in what all Republican phraseology denominates as the sovereign people, we are driven to conclude that the Republic in France is still very far from being an accomplished fact. The Assembly refused, for example, to sanction the removal of the state of siege under which the two departments of the Rhone and the Bouches-du-Rhone are at present held. That is to say, a million and a quarter of the inhabitants of France are to continue to live for some time longer under martial law, solely because certain turbulent spirits in Marseilles and Lyons celebrated disturbances for which adequate punishment has already been inflicted on the chief actors. This insult to the citizens of the South is repeated in regard to Paris by the continued refusal of the Assembly to recognize the necessity of transferring its sittings from Versailles to the capital.

This expressed distrust of the great Republican centres of the country is obviously associated in with the view of convincing the rural voters that the Assembly has no sympathy with socialism or the red flag. It does not appear to have entered into the heads of the Deputies that in emphasizing their horror of revolution, they are taking the readiest means of bringing it about. The great cities of France will not suffer themselves to be permanently ruled by the rural voters. Once of the things which gave vitality to the idea of the Commune was this very doctrine—that the progressive opinions of the towns must be forever freed from the political dead-weight of the rule of the peasantry. M. THIERS, and his conservative majority in the Assembly, are taking the short cut way to give the Communes a fresh lease of life, in tacitly assuming that the seven millions of rural voters are the only people in whose hands the future of France is safe, and that the three or four millions of the urban constituencies are factious, violent, and revolutionary. The only thing which gives the French Republic any prospect of permanence is that the leaders of the monarchical parties are wanting both in tact and discretion. The Count of CHAMBORD placed himself out of the contest by his impertinent white-flag manifesto. The Princes of ORLEANS seem likely to prejudice their cause in a very appreciable degree, by allowing the proposal for a restitution of their confiscated property to be made at the present time. It is universally admitted that NAPOLEON III. had no right to convert the Orleans estates to his own uses. But it is all but certain that in point of law those estates ought to have formed a part of the public domain of France. When LOUIS PHILIPPE ascended the throne he evaded, by a piece of sharp practice, the statute providing for the King's private property lapsing into the "common good." The prospect of having to part with some twenty millions of dollars worth of property at the present juncture, is not likely to be popular with any class of Frenchmen. Its discussion will unquestionably revive the history of the transactions of Aug. 6, 1830, and will serve to seriously diminish the personal popularity of the members of the House of ORLEANS. All this helps the Republic meanwhile, but a Republic which owes its existence chiefly to certain lucky accidents, can hardly be called anything but a provisional one.

MINOR TOPICS.

The compliment tendered by a large number of highly respectable citizens to EX-Collector MURPHY, last evening, was a well-deserved tribute to a life-long Republican and an honest man, and was especially appropriate as a vindication of his character against the groundless and malicious attacks of his enemies. It would be difficult to find, in all the annals of vituperation, a more causeless, malicious, and vindictive onslaught upon a public officer than that which the Tribune instituted against Mr. MURPHY. The time of the attack, the manner in which it was made, and the utterly worthless character of the witnesses brought forward to sustain it—all stamp it as an unscrupulous attempt to stab the reputation of an unoffending man, in order to accomplish an unworthy political object. Those journals throughout the country that have been innocently led to believe that there must have been some ground for the attack because it appeared in the *Tribune*, owe it to their readers to quote the remarks made by EX-Mayor OPDYKE at the serenade last evening. Even the *Tribune* will hardly dare to assail the character or the motives of a man like Mayor OPDYKE—unless, indeed, he should have the misfortune to be appointed to some office by President GRANT.

During the argument before Judge LEARNED, at Albany, yesterday, on the motion to vacate the order of arrest against TOM FIELDS, an affidavit from S. B. CONKLIN was read, showing that FIELDS got an assignment of seventeen per cent. of the Kennon's claims for his services in putting the bill through the Legislature, in addition to the thirty-three per cent. assigned to him for concocting the swindle before the Legislature met. The claims amounted to nearly four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, so that FIELDS must have pocketed about two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars by the fraud. His counsel tried to convince the Court that this was a very common and entirely legitimate transaction, and that the only motive for the arrest of FIELDS was to prevent him from taking his seat in the next Legislature. We apprehend that Judge LEARNED will not see it in that light.

The reorganized Board of Directors of the "Viaduct" Railroad scheme have at length come to the sensible conclusion that a viaduct road is impracticable on Manhattan Island, except for detached sections of the route, and that the true plan is to combine the features of an elevated, a surface, and a tunnel road, according to the topography of the route. They also discard the idea of a central double-track road, and recommend the construction of a single

...ation of the Island and the Bridge with the ferries. These changes in the plan will necessitate an entire reconstruction of the Viaduct charter, which the Department may or may not be able to obtain from the present Legislature. Those projects that do dispense with the five million subscription from the City, unless it shall be found absolutely necessary to fulfill the bond, will go far to secure a modification of their charter from the Legislature. If they are willing to build a ...bolt railroad on their own exposure, nobody will object, but the public convenience will still demand some mode of quick transit through the central portion of the island, which the experience of other large cities demonstrates should be an underground road.

A more curious and striking instance of the value of sheer assumption in newspaper discussion was, we venture to say, never offered than in the *Tribune's* editorial paragraph concerning the Syracuse Convention of woolgrowers and woolen manufacturers. Yesterday morning that paper declared that the "people will cordially ratify the decision of the wool fraternity to maintain the tariff of 1867," and added, "Congress will, of course, respect the popular will." In the first place, the Rochester Convention is, by its voluntary nature, not a substantively authoritative representative of the wool industry. There are very many woolen manufacturers, and a considerable number of wool-growers—the latter particularly in the West—who do not at all agree with the decision to obtain the tariff of 1867. In the next place, the people will have no means of expressing its ratification or rejection of the decision of the Convention, and unless Congress chooses to accept the dictum of the *Tribune* on the subject, it will be no wiser when it meets again as to the "will of the people" on wools and woolens than it now is. And finally, where the question entered at all into the late elections is positively tariff was repudiated by the people, as witness Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota.

The *Staats Zeitung* makes a sensible remark with reference to the proposition of the Committee of Seventy for the publication of City matters in a "City Record." It is that copies be furnished to every library and reading-room in the City, and to every citizen who shall desire it, on payment by the latter of a reasonable price. The general proposition meets with favor among all classes, and this suggestion is a pertinent one.

The Imperial ukase just issued at St. Petersburg fixes the military contingent to be raised by conscription in 1872, at six for every thousand males. This used to be considered a proportion only required in time of war, the peace contingent ranging from two to four per thousand. The levy now proclaimed will be equivalent to the raising of from 120,000 to 140,000 recruits, between the ages of eighteen and forty. The nominal period of service for which these men are enrolled, is twenty-two years for the Guard and twenty-five years for the other divisions of the army. At the end of ten to fifteen years' service, however, the soldiers usually obtain a virtual discharge, and their names being merely retained on the reserve force of their battalion. The Russian soldier, unlike those of the British and French services, is encouraged to marry, and special lodgings are provided for the married men and their families. The ranks of the army are largely recruited from among the youths born in barracks, as they are taught no other trade but soldiering.

State Senator BERGH, of California, has struck out a new idea in the matter of State officers. He proposes to give the Golden State a specialty in this line, by the creation of the office of Forester. Suggestive as the name is of the *Robin Hood* ballads, and SCOTT's romances, it is merely intended to serve as a title for a sort of public nurseryman. It is not because California has innumerable forests to be taken care of, that Senator BERGH has proposed this new office. On the contrary, it is because she has too few that he wants a Forester to set fifteen thousand dollars a year for planting them. Public opinion is quite united on the subject of having more trees, but there is a somewhat general want of confidence in the proposed State Forester being worth so liberal a salary. The *Sacramento Union* has, in fact, the temerity to maintain that a certain industrious botanical Professor will do the Forester business, quite as well as any State official, for five hundred dollars a year. This is clearly too modest a proposal to find favor in the eyes of any known Legislature.

The old organ of TWEED & Co. comes to the rescue of the "absent per absent" Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, in a rambling article of two columns, but it fails to throw any light on the little conspiracy between itself and the "absent per absent" Chairman, by which the Democratic Party was "sold out" on the eve of the Presidential election of 1868. Another Presidential election is approaching, and the Tweed Journal very naturally wishes to keep on good terms with the Chairman of the Democratic Committee. But there are a great many Democrats here and elsewhere who would like to know the exact amount that the paper in question received for what they called its "treasonable defection" in 1868. Will it be good enough, in its next two-column article, to enlighten them on this point?

In our commercial department this morning will be found a series of interesting comparative tables of prices of the leading kinds of domestic produce and general merchandise, at the close of each of the years 1870 and 1871. At the close of 1870 gold was quoted at 110¾; yesterday the quotation was 108⅝.

The New Attorney-General—Gratification in California at the Appointment of Mr. Williams.

From the San Francisco Alta, Dec. 15.

The desire of Californians to have a resident of this coast in the Cabinet, has at last been gratified by the nomination of GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, late United States Senator from Oregon, to the position of Attorney-General. He is worthy of the place, and the appointment has not been obtained by favoritism, but is the natural result of circumstances. Few men have assumed the office of Attorney-General of the United States with a better official preparation for the duties of the position. We should have been glad to have had a Californian in the Cabinet, but we congratulate Oregon on the possession of a citizen who was so worthy of the place and so well known in Washington that his personal merits entitled him to the office without regard to his residence.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Dec. 15.

Mr. WILLIAMS' appointment gives the Pacific coast a representative in the Cabinet for the first time, and the President could not have selected a man who more worthily and ably represents this section, or who will more conscientiously and efficiently discharge the duties of the position. The people of the Pacific States will rejoice, not only that they have been accorded the long-covered honor of a representative in the Cabinet, but one who in every way so acceptable.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Serenade to Ex-Collector Murphy Last Evening.

The Metropolitan Gas Company to Resume Operations.

Steam on Third-Avenue — Funeral of Mr. Morse—The Children's Aid Society

Miscellaneous Matters.

HON. THOMAS MURPHY.

Serenade to the Ex-Collector—Speeches of Ex-Mayor Opdyke and Mr. Murphy.

An immense concourse of the friends of Hon. THOMAS MURPHY, Ex-Collector of the Port, assembled last evening in front of his residence, No. 36 East Thirty-ninth-street, and tendered him a serenade. Shortly after 9 o'clock a splendid band of 100 pieces, under the direction of D. L. DOWNING and CARL BERGMANN, presented itself in front of his residence and the serenade proceeded. The Committee that had charge of the affair consisted of hundreds of eminent gentlemen, including Hon. George Opdyke, Hon. Augustus Weissman, Hon. Henry H. Haight, Hon. Conrad Cohn, Hon. Charles A. Flammer, Levi P. Morton, Hon. Thomas E. Stephens, Henry Clews, John J. Townsend, Dennis Kearney, Hon. Edward Matthews, Hon. Daniel Smith, Isaac H. Bailey, Salem H. Wales, William B. Dinsmore, Chas. L. Tiffany, Chas. W. Griswold, Hon. Jackson S. Schultz, Hon. Wm. Orton, La Grange E. Cannon, Capt. E. Phelps, E. P. Needham & Sons, James Brown, Edward Taylor and J. L. Dodge.

After some excellent music Hon. GEO. OPDYKE came forward and said:

MR. OPDYKE'S REMARKS.

MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW-REPUBLICANS: It affords me great pleasure to meet so many of you here to join in this demonstration of respect for our highly-valued friend, the late Collector of this port; your numbers prove that you intend the demonstration to be as emphatic as it is sincere. For one, I feel that one admirable manner in which Mr. MURPHY performed the arduous duties of the high office from which he has voluntarily retired with unsullied honor, richly entitles him not alone to the confidence and esteem, but sincerely to the personal friendship of every friend of President GRANT's Administration. The story of his official career is weakly but truthfully told in his modest letter to the President tendering his resignation, and in the emphatic and unqualified indorsement of his official conduct contained in the President's reply to that letter. Documents so creditable to both parties, will fill a page on the official records of which Mr. MURPHY may ever feel a just pride. My friends, it is always proper and becoming to honor those who have been faithful in the performance of public duties. It is especially so in this City at the present time, when honesty, intelligence and fidelity seem to have become the exception rather than the rule. Such honor is at once the highest reward of the faithful and a strong incentive to others to follow their worthy example. But it is pre-eminently due to those who, like our friend, have been grossly traduced and slandered by their political opponents. Mr. MURPHY repeatedly vindicated himself against the charges made by those groundlessness of the absurdity he opposed him; but the more perfect the vindication the more bitterly were they renewed, thus proving, what many understood from the start, that the shafts of calumny aimed at him were intended for a higher mark than the Collector's office. [Cheers.] I have had many opportunities of observing Mr. MURPHY's official actions as Collector, as I also had in the case of most of his Republican predecessors, and I but repeat a conviction that I have often expressed before in declaring my belief that his administration of that office has not been surpassed in ability and fidelity to the public interests since the advent of the Republican Party to power. Let us then join earnestly and heartily in giving him his just meed of praise. Without detaining you longer I have now the pleasure of presenting to you the friend whom we have met to honor, Hon. THOMAS MURPHY. [Cheers.]

MR. MURPHY'S REMARKS.

Mr. MURPHY, who was received with cheers, said:

MY FRIENDS: With my whole heart I thank you for this mark of your respect and confidence. You know that I am no speech-maker, and you will expect nothing like a speech from me. But in your gathering here, and in this spontaneous act, I see not only personal kindness and good feeling toward myself—most pleasant and dear to me—but what I value far more, an expression of your approval of my general conduct in the grave public trust lately resigned by me, a vindication of my character from base and malignant aspersions—an assurance that you, my old and valued friends, do concur with my official superiors, bear witness to my earnest and honest endeavors to discharge the duties of my late office in accordance with the laws of the land, and the higher law of conscience and good faith. When the President of the United States sent me, without solicitation on my behalf, to another position, I accepted it with the single purpose of faithfully performing its duties in the belief that, by a thorough and efficient collection of the immense revenues of this port, and by a careful enforcement of the laws, I could be of service to the country, and in the faith that in so doing I could promote the efficiency and the power of that Republican Party for which I have so long labored, and in the success and prosperity of which I believe the success and prosperity of the country is involved. I resigned the trust, not because I was disturbed by the unjust assaults which I knew must recoil on the heads of their authors in the end, and believed the time had come when I might not improperly retire from the labors and responsibilities which the office imposed upon me, and because, by retiring at a time when the popular verdict had vindicated the course of the Administration, I wished to prove my determination to do all in my power to promote the harmony of the Republican Party. [Cheers]. I have the satisfaction of leaving behind me an official record which has received the approval of the President, accompanied by the public assurance of his personal confidence in me, and of his official satisfaction with my course; and this approval is the more welcome because it comes from the great man whom the popular voice has so unmistakably selected to preside over the destinies of our country for another Presidential term. [Cheers.] I now have the additional satisfaction of receiving this mark of your confidence, esteem and approval. I can only thank you, as a man, a Republican, and a citizen, again I thank you with my whole heart. I only regret that you my friends are so numerous that I cannot personally greet you all. [Cheers.]

REMARKS OF HON. MR. BAILEY.

At the close of Mr. MURPHY's address Hon. ISAAC H. BAILEY was called for and made a few remarks. He said the chief argument was one of the severe mendacity of the administration of a public officer that he had ever witnessed, and that there were few men who better deserved it than Mr. MURPHY.

The friends of the Collector then partook of a bountiful supper which he had prepared for them, and separated at a late hour.

The Metropolitan Gas-Works—The Supply Last Night—Preparations for This Evening.

Last night the region between Thirty-fourth and Seventy-ninth streets was devoid of gas. The sky was very hazy, but the moon was so nearly full that the streets were not specially dark, and therefore not dangerous. Had the accident occurred when there was no moon, it is not to be doubted that garroters, murders and footpads would have been developed in astounding numbers. The houses were furnished partially with gas until 11 o'clock, when it was entirely withdrawn and application to candles, the lamps being lighted, in an incredibly short time. The stores were treated in the same manner as the houses, and deficiencies were filled up with huge candles and kerosene lamps. The contrast between the light part of the City and the dark region was best shown at Thirty-fourth-street, at the intersection between Broadway and Sixth-avenue. On one side of Thirty-fourth-street the stores were ablaze with lines of brilliant light, and the goods glittered splendidly. On the other a few scattered interior lamps made darkness visible. There was not any inconvenience, however, to the street passengers.

A TIMES reporter visited the works of the Company last evening and was assured by the engineer in charge that they would commence to manufacture gas at 7 o'clock this morning, and that he hoped by 10 o'clock to be making at least 60,000 cubic feet per hour. This morning's supply will be increased in the course of the afternoon, as soon as the necessary relay of kiln-fires can be put into working order. The engineer also stated that it may be necessary to discontinue the supply late this evening, but it is more than probable that with the aid rendered by the Harlem Company, that the Metropolitan will be able to furnish a full supply from to-morrow. The Manhattan Company volunteered to assist in supplying the Company with gas in the present emergency, but as it was discovered that their pressure was not strong enough to force it to the regions where it was most needed, the offer was declined.

Democratic Reform Enrollments.

Enrollment meetings were held last evening in the several Assembly districts throughout the City, for the purpose of organizing district Democratic Reform Associations. Committees consisting of the prominent men in each district, designated by the Executive Committee, acted as supervisors. Notice stating the object of the meetings, and inviting the co-operation of every voter in favor of reform, was largely circulated in each district, and in response thereto large numbers of voters who have become disgusted with the corruptions of Tammany Hall enlisted their names, giving a most cordial reception from those in attendance. This was especially true in the Fourth and Second Districts, the latter voters opening at 6 P. M., and closed at 10, and will be open each evening during the week, Saturday inclusive, during the same hours.

The Committee of Seventy.

The Committee of Seventy met last evening but transacted no business of importance. The Committee declared that the charter, as published in the TIMES of Sunday, must not be taken as conclusive, as it was merely printed for the convenience of members, in order more readily to suggest alterations and improvements.

The Subcommittee of the Committee of Seventy, on Legislation, are: EDWARD SALOMON, Chairman; Edwards Pierrepont, Joseph B. Varnum, Robert B. Roosevelt, Henry J. Scott, John A. Dix, Joseph H. Choate, Simon Sterne, Samuel B. Ruggles, Wm. C. Barrett, J. M. Bundy, B. B. Sherman, Edward Cooper, Wm. M. Havemeyer and James M. Brown, *ex officio*.

Funeral of Sidney H. Morse.

The funeral of Mr. MORSE took place yesterday morning from the Presbyterian Church, corner of Twenty-second-street and Fourth-avenue. A large attendance of the friends of the deceased was present. At 10½ the funeral cortège entered the church, the coffin, covered with wreaths of immortelles, being borne slowly up the middle aisle by the pall-bearers, Messrs. WM. HARVEY, William C. Bryant, Dr. J. S. Prime, Rev. Dr. Spencer, Rev. Dr. Adams, Rev. Dr. Wallace and L. Andrews. Rev. Dr. CROSBY then read the burial service, and Rev. Dr. EWER delivered a discourse on the life and character of the deceased, alluding feelingly to his virtues and Christian qualities. At the conclusion of the address the coffin was opened and an opportunity offered to the friends of the deceased to look upon the face of the deceased. The body was then taken to Green-Wood Cemetery.

Steam on the Third-Avenue.

The statement having been published that the Third-avenue Railroad Company had determined to solve the rapid transit problem by introducing steam-cars on its tracks, a reporter was yesterday sent to the office to find out the truth of the matter. When asked if the report was true, the President said "No." The Company were willing to undertake it, however, he added, if the people demanded it, and the Legislature would grant the necessary authority. The Superintendent of Buildings had drawn a plan for an elevated line from Harlem to the City Hall, he said, which would be presented at Albany, and which might be approved.

The Children's Aid Society.

The officers of the Children's Aid Society were busy yesterday morning in unpacking and receiving contributions sent to them in response to the appeal made a few days ago. The contributions consist mainly of clothing, bread and cakes. They were sent to the various lodging-houses and distributed to the inmates. A party of nearly 100 left yesterday morning for the West, under the charge of an agent of the Society. Mrs. MAY, wife of the Assistant Secretary, died on Monday evening, and all entertainments for last evening were postponed in consequence.

Caring for the Friendless Newsboys.

The inmates of the Newsboys' Lodging House, in Park-place, were present in large force at that institution, last evening, to listen to a recitation of a Christmas carol by Ex-Judge QUACKENBOS. It was interesting to watch the different manner in which the reading was received by the friendless boys. Some of them seemed highly pleased with it, others showed a keener and more serious appreciation of the piece, while there were not a few, on whose faces were the marks of hardships and misery, who betrayed no manifestation of any kind. The boys were apparelled in every variety of dress, and had on shirts of all colors. The majority of them were destitute of boots and shoes. It was surprising to see the admirable order which they maintained under the management of Mr. O'CONNOR, the Superintendent. The Children's Aid Society, of which the Lodging-house is a branch, having been provided with funds, for which Mr. O'CONNOR says the Society is greatly indebted to the appeals in the TIMES, will be enabled to distribute articles of clothing to the newsboys this evening.

Christmas Festival at St. James' Sunday-School, Harlem.

The Christmas festival of the Sunday-school of St. James' Church, Harlem, was held last evening. At an early hour the edifice was thronged with young and happy faces, who crowded around the Christmas-tree, every branch of which glittered with lighted tapers, and from every twig hung presents and ornaments. The entertainment commenced with the processional hymn, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," which was followed by two Christmas carols. Rev. Dr. HUNTER, Rector and Superintendent, then addressed the children, and distributed the prizes and badges to the successful ones in each class, after which the friends of the school distributed the various gifts. This interesting festival was brought to a close by the children singing "Star of the East," a colloquial Christmas carol, with words and music composed for the occasion by Mr. BRADY E. BACKUS, the Assistant Superintendent of the school.

Arrested on Suspicion of Arson.

A colored girl, named CAROLINE LOGAN, was locked up at the Fourteenth Precinct Station at 6½ P. M. yesterday. As P. M. Doorman MOORE found her in fits on the floor of her cell and nearly dead. It was found that she had attempted to commit suicide by tying her shawl around her neck and hanging herself. She was attended by Dr. STANLEY, and put in a strait jacket to prevent her destroying herself.

About 6½ o'clock P. M., yesterday, a fire broke out on the second story of the building Nos. 340 Canal-street, occupied by CHARLAN & Co., as manufacturers of female undergarments. The stock was completely destroyed. Insured for $600. SOLOMON BROOKS, one of the firm, was arrested on suspicion of setting the place on fire, and locked up in the Fifth Precinct Station-house.

The Case of Callendar, the Bank Examiner.

In the matter of the examination of CHARLES CALLENDAR, National Bank Examiner, charged with receiving a $75,000 bribe from the Ocean National Bank to make a false return of its condition, owing to the number of books to be examined and the inconvenience of bringing them to the Commissioner's office, it has been deemed advisable for the present that the examination should proceed at the bank in question. Commissioner OSBORN commenced the examination at the bank yesterday, and will continue so to do from time to time until the necessity ceases.

The Miner Trial.

The case of MINER, the alleged counterfeiter, was continued yesterday. Mr. FULLERTON summed up for the defense, and spoke of the character of the witnesses for the prosecution, and contended that they were unworthy of belief. JOHN BALLARD, he said, who had sworn that MINER was engaged in selling counterfeit money, was a man utterly depraved and was known to be a counterfeiter. Counsel then referred to the testimony of other witnesses for the Government, and pronounced it contradictory and unreliable.

Mr. PIERREPONT will sum up for the Government today.

A Jersey City Alderman Disgraced.

The Common Council of Jersey City held a meeting last night, at which the case of Alderman JOYCE, who is charged with having obtained his naturalization papers by fraud, came up for final action. Mr. JOYCE appeared with his counsel, Mr. S. B. RAMSON, and strong defense was made. It ended in the adoption of resolutions of expulsion, only one Alderman (Mr. STIER) voting against them.

Money for the Police Department.

The Controller yesterday paid to the Police Department the balance of their appropriation for the present year, amounting to about $12,000.

Brief Notes.

The growth of American luxury is seen in the cocoa matting spread upon the court-yard and front steps of a Fourteenth-street store.

The babies of the Roman Catholic Foundling Asylum will have their Christmas-tree to-morrow—the feast of the Holy Innocents—from 2 to 4 P. M.

Half of the wide circular walk in the large front garden of an up-town mansion has been shut off with bricks and mortar from the other walks, and flooded for skating.

A Bowery organ-grinder unfastens his artificial arm and places it upon his organ when he is playing. The limb is covered with inscriptions concerning the battles he has fought.

There is a tendency to use *base relievo* instead of the usual alto relievo carvings in the stone fastings of mansions. There are beautiful specimens of this work on Park-avenue.

THE RING LEADERS.

Argument at Albany in the Case of Tom Fields.

Another Day's Session of the Grand Jury.

Rumor of a Fresh Indictment Against Hall—Tweed's Bondsmen Under Examination.

The Cost of the Broadway Widening.

No Job Before the Courts.

TOM FIELDS.

Argument on a Motion to Vacate the Order of Arrest—Another Interesting Affidavit Read.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A Special Term of the Supreme Court was held this afternoon by Judge LEARNED to hear the argument on a motion to vacate the order of arrest of THOMAS C. FIELDS. Mr. STRAHAN, on behalf of the people and in opposition to the motion, read several affidavits already published, and one lately made by Mr. G. B. CORNELIS, stating that in addition to thirty-three per cent. of Sweeny's claims which FIELDS succeeded in having assigned to him, he secured a further assignment of seventeen per cent. while a member of the Legislature. The total amount of the claims was nearly $450,000, so that FIELDS secured $70,000 for his services in getting bills through the Legislature, and securing an audit and allowance of claims.

Mr. W. A. BEACH, counsel for FIELDS, made a long argument in favor of the motion. He spoke very disparagingly of Mr. CORNELIS's affidavit, and declared that the arrest of FIELDS proceeded from a desire to prevent him from taking his seat in the coming Legislature. He denies that FIELDS has been guilty of any improper action in securing his fees, and as for the audit of claims, that was entirely regular and proper. The Board had acted under the authority and by direction of law. It was their duty to act as they did, and it would have been a violation of law to have done otherwise. If any one had done a wrong it was the Legislature, and for the action of the Legislature FIELDS could not be held responsible. No single member of the Legislature could be held responsible for the passage of the act. He would admit that he was interested in its passage, but that was the case with nearly every member when a bill incorporating a village or a company, or whenever any bill making an appropriation to a charitable society is passed.

Mr. PECKHAM, on behalf of the people, rose to reply, and noticing Mr. BEACH's criticism of affidavits, stated that he had recently learned that if he had not made certain statements he had in his affidavit, and secured the arrest of CONNOLLY, that individual would now be beyond the reach of the Courts. He was then about to proceed with his argument in opposition to the motion before the Court, when Judge LEARNED suggested an adjournment until 10½ A. M. to-morrow, which was agreed to, and the Court at 6 P. M. adjourned.

Tweed's Bondsmen—Examination as to Their Property—Testimony of Bernard Kelly and Benjamin P. Fairchild.

The bondsmen of WILLIAM M. TWEED in the civil action brought by the State, and wherein the defendants was held in bonds for $1,000,000, appeared before Judge CARDOZO in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday, to justify as to their responsibility. TWEED was not present in person, but was represented by his brother, his son Gen. TWEED, and his counsel Messrs. FIELD, BURRILL and BARTLETT.

Mr. O'CONOR and Mr. CHOATE represented the State, while Mr. JARVIS, Mr. KEYS, Deputy Sheriff STEVENS and Sheriff BRENNAN, represented the interests of the latter. The bondsmen being sworn in by Judge CARDOZO, all parties adjourned to the Special Term room. The first of the bondsmen examined was Mr. BERNARD KELLEY, who was questioned by Mr. CHOATE. He testified to having been a contractor for many years for the construction of docks. He was owner of a house and lots on One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, bought March 30, 1869, at a cost of $40,000, to which he has since added improvements costing $7,000, and on which there was no mortgage. He owned thirty-eight lots, with water front, between One Hundred and Fifteenth-street and One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, valued at $65,000, and which sum he had paid in installments. The latter property had never been put to any use, and he did not know what was the tax on them, or at what valuation they had been assessed. He also owned three lots on One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, near Second-avenue, on which there was still a mortgage of $1,000, the last property he paid $13,000, giving in exchange a brown-stone house which cost him $14,000, and which he valued at $20,000. In trade it was put at $16,500, he taking a mortgage for the difference. He also owned a house and four lots on One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, between Avenue A and Fourth-avenue. The lots were 20x100. The house was brown stone, and was unincumbered. He had been offered $16,500 for this last house, but would not say by whom. He owns nine lots on One Hundred and Eighteenth-street and Avenue A, six on the street and three on the avenue, all unincumbered, and which cost $13,000. The total cost of all the property named was $165,000. His taxes last year were $1,600, and no mortgage was recorded against him save $1,000. He had paid no tax on personal property. His real estate yielded him no income. He had sold three lots on corner of One Hundred and Seventeenth-street and Avenue A to Mr. WAIDEL for $20,000, for which he received only $1,000 this week. He had paid some income tax this year, but could not say how much. He owns a mortgage for $5,000 on the house he gave in exchange, and one for $6,500 on the house and lot last mentioned. There were due him from the Charleston & Hamburg Company large sums which he deemed perfectly good, and for which he held notes. The Mutual Gas-light Company owed him $26,982 42. There was another debt due him for $9,300 which he also considered good. All his items of personal property amount to $34,614 42. He did not remember swearing to personal property over $60,000, and if he did it was a mistake. He had on hand but one unfinished contract, and that was for $600. He had not been defendant in any suit for ten years past, and does not owe a dollar, not even for household expenses. His only liability was as bondsman for Deputy Sheriff ENYAR. He believed $8,000 was the amount. (Mr. JARVIS here stated that the bond was for $10,000.) He had not received any property from Mr. TWEED. He had signed some contractor's bonds to the City, but none within five years. He had once indorsed a note, but having got stuck never did so again.

To Mr. BURRILL he said the appraised value of all his real estate, exclusive of that free of all encumbrances, but he believed it worth more than that. His property, both real and personal, was valued at $606,345, exclusive of household property and other small articles. Did not buy his furniture of either TWEED or INGERSOLL. He had paid about $10,000 for his furniture. Witness also identified a bond he became one of Mr. TWEED's bondsmen voluntarily.

BENJ. P. FAIRCHILD, the second bondsman examined, testified that he was an auctioneer, Surrogate's appraiser, and sometimes Sheriff's appraiser. He is no relation of TWEED's, nor connected with him in business or officially, his only connection being to buy some real estate for him some time ago. He went on the bond at Mr. TWEED's request. He had been associated with him in joint purchases of real estate, some eighteen months ago, to the extent of $600,000, but all such transactions were closed. He had not requested Mr. TWEED to indemnify him, as the latter had been his friend in prosperity, and he was not going to desert him in his adversity. The Beach-street property where he carried on his business he valued at $20,000. On this the Surrogate held a mortgage for $10,000. The part not occupied as a store was rented for $1,500. The house in York-street was mortgaged for $3,000 or $4,000. For this latter he gave $16,000, and added a story to it. He had placed that in his schedule at $6,000. He owns the house in which he resides, No. 349 West Fifty-seventh-street. For the lot he gave $6,500. In adjoining lot sold for $10,000. The house cost $20,000, and there was a mortgage on both for $16,000. He did not know what it was assessed for on the tax book, but he estimated his interest in it at $40,000, and had been offered $65,000 for it three years ago. He also owned house No. 107 East Tenth-street.

The further examination was adjourned to Thursday next at 11 A. M.

Yesterday's Session of Judge Bedford's Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions met at 11½ A. M., yesterday, and adjourned at 2 P. M. to Thursday at 11 A. M. It is said that Mr. JAMES O'BRIEN was examined, and also Mr. STOKES, the latter relative to the Fisk-Mansfield case. No new indictments were handed to Judge RECORDER, thereby exposing his Court until to-morrow.

The jury is shut from hearing its labors completed, that it may consider favorably their further extension of time will be asked.

Mr. LOCKWOOD, the foreman, had a lengthy interview with District-Attorney GARVIN yesterday afternoon. The nature of their deliberation was not learned, but it was supposed to have referred to the preparation of affidavits and indictments so as to have them in strictly legal form. It is still confidently asserted, as has already been stated in the TIMES, that an indictment was found against Mayor HALL and sent back Arrest to the Grand Jury for some reason as yet unexplained. It would seem, however, from the whisperings around the City, that HALL's name is certain to appear among the next batch of Ring indictments handed in by the Grand Jury. Indeed, it was stated positively in certain quarters yesterday that an indictment had been agreed upon, and that the warrant would be immediately issued.

Will Tweed Come Back?

It is noteworthy that Mr. TWEED is not in town at this important juncture, but is believed to be in New-Jersey. There was considerable talk about this in town, and many people did not hesitate to say that he meant to slip off if his bailers could not justify in the required amount. Mr. PETER B. SWEENY has gracefully taken the hint and has retired to Canada. When TWEED goes, perhaps Mr. CONNOLLY will be persuaded to follow suit, and then the brave, the virtuous, the honest, the devoted, innocent ABRAHAM OAKEY HALL will remain alone of the Four Haters, too confident of his virtues to seek refuge in flight like the truly guilty ones. Meantime the day for the meeting of the Legislature is drawing near, but there is hardly a chance that TWEED will take his seat in the Senate. A motion to show cause why he should not be restrained from disposing of his property will come up before Judge LEARNED, of the Albany Supreme Court, today, and it is believed that BEACH and BARTLETT will attempt to have his bail reduced. It is impossible to suppose that the decision made by the Judge in the Connolly case will not be reversed on this.

The Costs of the Broadway Widening Case—The Matter Referred to Ex-Judge Davies.

Mr. O'GORMAN, Corporation Counsel, applied to Judge CARDOZO, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, to tax the costs in the matter of the widening of Broadway, the items of which have already been published in the TIMES. Judge CARDOZO said that inasmuch as there were two very heavy bills of costs in this matter, he deemed it his duty to examine his authority under the statute, and refer it to some competent referee, to ascertain if the amount was correct, it being impossible to hear the necessary testimony before the Court. He would order, therefore, that the matter be referred to Ex-Judge DAVIES, who had great experience in such matters, to hear testimony and report as to the proper amount of costs to be taxed. It was further directed by the Court that the order of reference contain a provision that due notice be published in the leading journals, inviting all persons interested in the matter to appear before the referee and give their testimony.

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Citizens' Reform Committee—The New Charter Again Considered.

A meeting of the Citizens' Reform Committee was held last evening at No. 185 Montague-street, FRANKLIN WOODRUFF, Esq., in the chair. Col. DAVIS stated that it was sworn to in Court that this Committee had sent a subcommittee to New-York to procure the removal of JOHN SHANDLEY from his position in the employ of the Merchants' Exchange News-room, in Pine street. He desired to know if such action had been taken by this Committee, and was answered in the negative. On motion, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the charter. That clause which declares that the Aldermen shall be the Supervisors of the City, &c., was taken up, and Mr. WHITLOCK opposed the plan, on the ground that it was not yet determined whether the city and county are hereafter to be identical. This point should be decided first. He was also in favor of a Board of Assistant Aldermen, which should act as a check upon the upper Board. The nearer, he said, we can get to the plan on which the General Government is formed, the more perfect a charter could be made. Mr. CHARLES A. MARVIN said that he was opposed to the clause under consideration because we should have a Board of Supervisors of fourteen members—nine from the city and five from the country towns. Such a proposition ought not to be entertained.

Mr. WHITLOCK moved to amend that there should be a Board of Assistant Aldermen, one from each ward and town, and that the Assistant Aldermen and Aldermen constitute the Board of Supervisors.

This amendment was discussed, but there being a constitutional objection to it, Mr. ESCHWEGE moved to further amend that the Board of Aldermen shall constitute the Board of Supervisors. This was carried, and the section as amended was passed unanimously.

Mr. HUNTER moved to abolish the Commissioners of Charities, through which a great many leaks were allowed to run.

Mr. RICHARDSON said as there were only nine Aldermen, it would require men of capacity, who should be paid enough to enable them to do nothing else but act as Aldermen. He moved to amend, that the Aldermen should constitute the Commission of Charities.

Mr. MARSHALL thought that it would be impossible to get nine men who would be willing to do the work which was being assigned them. The plan now under consideration cannot be carried through at Albany. The Commission of Charities is a county institution, and the Legislature would not consent to abolish it.

Mr. DARGAN said that the City had more than ninety per cent. of the population, raised ninety-eight per cent. of the taxes, and spent 70¢ per cent. for the benefit of the whole country. He advocated the consolidation of the city and county towns. For these reasons he was opposed to giving five Supervisors equal power with the nine city Supervisors.

Mr. HUNTER moved to refer the whole of the clause under consideration back to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report a plan for one Government for the whole county. He thought, if this were passed, he believed instead of forward. He was informed that the county now wanted to come into the city, and were anxious to consolidate. It was time that the Committee did something, for the Legislature will meet next week, and if we are not careful that body will adjourn before a charter is prepared by this Committee.

Mr. MARVIN proposed that a charter be made for the city as it now stands, and not for the city as we want or expect it to be. It would be unjust to make a charter and not give the county towns a chance to have a voice in making it.

Mr. BRIGGS said that the farmers with whom he had conversed were willing and desirous of consolidation, provided that they could come in as agricultural wards.

Mr. WHITLOCK moved to table the whole section until the Committee appointed to confer with the gentlemen from the county towns had made a report, which motion was lost. The Committee then reconsidered all their previous action and decided to have twenty-two Aldermen.

Brief Items.

The wife of Rev. Dr. WELLS, of the South Third-street Presbyterian Church, died on Saturday, after a brief illness.

The Mayor elect, Hon. SAMUEL S. POWELL, visited the Mayor's office yesterday, and had an interview with Mayor KALBFLEISCH, which was of a very friendly character.

Hon. CARL SCHURZ will lecture on the "Franco-Prussian War" this evening, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Library Association, E. D., at Dr. FORTER's Bedford-avenue Reformed Church.

The annual report of the Merchants' and Traders' Exchange shows that there are 810 members and $1,607 76 cash on hand. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: For President, HENRY HASTHAU; Vice-President, Abram Allen; Treasurer, R. C. Miller; Trustees, E. Snedicker, W. J. Rider, P. E. Dillon, J. W. French, E. C. Hawkes, J. Doty and S. N. Christmas; Managers of Elections, John Barney, T. B. Watson and J. Van Riper.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Houghton.

The funeral of the late Mrs. HOUGHTON took place yesterday morning from the "Little Church Round the Corner," of which the deceased lady's husband is pastor. Among the mourners were to be noticed many members of the theatrical profession, whose presence proved that Dr. HOUGHTON's generous conduct on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. ROLLAND, the veteran actor, is still remembered with gratitude.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS OF AFFECTION AND CHARITY.—"Man's best gift to woman was the sewing-machine. A better Holiday present to a wife or a sister, or one nearer and dearer still, than a WHEELER & WILSON Sewing-machine, cannot be devised. Their reputation is too well established to need comment, and the prices are invariably to suit the times. The splendid depot is No. 625 Broadway."—*New-York Daily Times.*

Dr. E. T. GARVIN'S Tar Remedies for Colds, Coughs and Lung diseases, for sale at wholesale by HALL & BUCKEL, No. 218 Greenwich-st.; MCKESSON & ROBBINS, No. 91 Fulton-st., New-York.—*Advertisement.*

LAUGHING GAS.—Dr. COLTON'S second lecture and exhibition will be given in the Cooper Institute next week, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4.—*Advertisement.*

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—SWISS CARVED GOODS.—The Swiss Manufacturing Company, No. 36 East 14th-st., New-York, will offer during the...

Schuyler, Hegeler & Company,
NO. 28 JOHN-STREET AND NO. 17 MAIDEN-LANE,
NOW OPENING FOR THE HOLIDAYS
A VERY LARGE AND UNIQUE STOCK OF
SHELL JEWELRY,
FINE CORAL SETS,
SCARF-PINS, SLEEVE-BUTTONS, &c.
RUSSIA LEATHER GOODS
IN GREAT VARIETY,
DRESSING-CASES,
GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES,
WRITING-DESKS, ETAGERES
INKSTANDS, PAPER WEIGHTS, &c.
FINE WOODENS A SPECIALTY.
—*Advertisement.*

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GRAND, SQUARE AND UPRIGHT PIANOS.
Old pianos taken in exchange. Illustrated catalogues sent free on application.
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Corner Fulton and Jay streets, Brooklyn.
—*Advertisement.*

THE BEST HOLIDAY PRESENT FOR A LADY—A Grover & Baker Sewing-machine. Salesroom No. 495 Broadway, and No. 344 Fulton-st.—*Advertisement.*

Watch No. 1,201, stem winder—bearing trade mark of Frederic Atherton & Co., Marion, N. J.—manufactured by United States Watch Co. (Gilbert, Wales & Co.) Beats carried for six months; its total variation from mean time being eight seconds. R. COTTRELL, No. 128 Front-street, New-York.—*Advertisement.*

NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES.

THE NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES will be published THIS MORNING, and may be had at the counter of the publication office, in wrappers ready for mailing. Price, 5 cents.

It contains the very latest telegraphic and general news; editorials on matters of current interest; a page of carefully-prepared commercial matter, giving the latest financial news and market reports; items of agriculture and domestic interest, and marriages and deaths of the week and other interesting reading matter.

THE WEEKLY TIMES will be sent to subscribers in any part of the country for TWO DOLLARS a year. Five copies, $9; ten copies, $15; twenty copies, $28; and an extra copy to getter-up of club of

NEW-YORK CITY.

Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 175, F. and A. M., at Masonic Hall, on the evening of June 24, elected the following officers: Henry D. Walker, Master; H. F. Morgan, Senior Warden; C. F. Beasley, Junior Warden; C. S. Adams, Treasurer; Alfred F. Fuller, Secretary; H. T. Bonner, S. D.; E. Berry, J. D.; J. C. Seymour, Marshal; H. F. Randolph, S. S.; E. E. Craig, J. S.; G. Wilkins, Master of Ceremonies; Manuel Diaz, Chaplain; R. W. Ellwood, Lecturer; D. D. Chase, Master of the Veils; Manuel Diaz, Tyler. Mr. Morgan is a member of this Lodge for the twelfth time consecutively, but declined to accept the office, having served the Lodge as Master seven years. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed, and a set of resolutions, which were ordered to be engrossed and framed, was presented to him for his faithful services. Mr. Bonner, G. HAMILTONIAN, who presided over the meeting, was re-elected, and declined. These annual elections are usually complimentary affairs.

The Union Home for Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors.

The celebration of the Christmas festival at the Union Home for the Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors, was postponed from Monday until to-day, at which time Gen. BUTE will preside over the exercises, which will commence at 1 o'clock precisely. Events have transpired which will make the celebration of this festival of more than usual interest.

A per capita allowance under legislative action is necessarily withheld in consequence of a deficit in the State City Treasury. The larger sum therefore goes directly into the hands of the charitable. Food, clothing and warmth are necessary at all times, and the necessity for their supply is neither increased nor diminished by the fluctuations of the financial thermometer. The Patriots' Home at Flushing has a small deficit in the way of funds, but the fifty vacancies in that institution will have to be provided for. The Union Relief proposes to take all the orphans, and send the half orphans either to their surviving parents or to the Almshouse. In order to assist in providing for these little ones, and in order to avoid the delay of the usual legislative action, a meeting will be held at the Union Relief Rooms, No. 19 Thirty-second-street; Mrs. Judge DALY, No. 45 Clinton-place; Mrs. DAVID HOYT, No. 120 East Forty-sixth-street, or to the Home, corner of One Hundred and Fifty-first-street and Tenth-avenue.

Railroad Reform—The Committee of Ninety at the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting of the Association for Railroad Reform at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, was not very largely attended by the members of the Committee of Ninety, because the call had not been issued early enough. The Subcommittee appointed at a former meeting to obtain a room, reported, through Mr. McDONALD, that it had conferred with the Committee of Seventy, but that nothing decisive had yet been effected. Mr. FOLEY, however, said that the Committee of Seventy had offered him the use of their room for forty Friday evenings. Mr. DALY, having reported progress for the other Committee,—of Ten,—offered the following, which, after much desultory debate, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Committee of Ninety and get working men only upon it.

The Chair appointed Messrs. John T. Daly, Edwin S. Brown, A. J. Devalle, Meyer Stern and Wm. Hall Hare.

A motion was made to endorse Hon. ROBT. H. SCHABAM, the member from Newburg, for Speaker of the Assembly. All the gentlemen present favored the proposition, and the Chairman, Mr. FOLEY, urged the importance of such action.

The Committee then adjourned until next Friday evening, when they will meet at No. 52 Union-square.

The Day After Christmas at the Tombs.

Some astonishment was caused at the Tombs Police Court yesterday by the fact that only sixty prisoners were brought in on the morning returns to have justice awarded them for the misdemeanors or excesses in which they had indulged as a celebration of Christmas. Many of these were accused only of intoxication or disorderly conduct, and some few had contrived to commit both these offenses, and were rewarded accordingly. There were also some half a dozen battered heads as evidences of so many fights, and these accounted for the presence of a few prisoners. Among them was a case which had swelled by rumor into an affair nearly related to a riot, in which Patrolman DOBERT, of the Sixth Precinct, had been set upon by a number of ruffians, and in the end badly beaten. The facts were found to be as follows: Some dozen men and boys, collected on the corner of Pell-street and the Bowery, declined to disperse, and the man refusing, he made prisoner of one, named JOHN MCCORMICK, who was yesterday held at the Tombs Police Court in $500 bail for trial at the Special Sessions on a charge of assault. The injuries of the officer consisted of a slight scratch upon the face.

Daring Street Robbery.

About 3 o'clock yesterday morning JAMES WOODS, of No. 245 Avenue B, was attacked by three men at the corner of Bleecker-street and Broadway, who knocked him down, beat him, and one of them snatched his watch from his pocket. His cries finally alarmed a policeman, who fled, but WOODS, springing to his feet, seized the hindmost by the coat and detained him. The rascal, however, slipped out of his overcoat, got away, and would have certainly escaped had he not returned in a few minutes for his garment. He was then secured, and being given into the custody of Patrolman GARNER, of the Fourteenth Precinct, was yesterday arraigned before Justice DOWLING at the Tombs Police Court. He gave his name as HENRY WARD, and said he was a printer, twenty-one years of age, living at No. 56 Cross-street. He denied all knowledge of the crime of which he was accused, but he was committed for trial at the General Sessions.

The Harlem Railroad Bridges.

At a meeting of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Yesterday, a communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, stating that a bridge has been erected across the Fourth-avenue at Eighty-third-street; by the Harlem Railroad Company; that the bridge, being two feet above the grade of the street, is impassable for vehicles, and very dangerous for foot-passengers; that communication has been addressed to the Department to Mr. VANDERBILT, but that no reply thereto has been received, and that the Department is without further power in the matter.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Streets, and the Board adjourned.

The Proposed Abortion Case.

Coroner HERRMAN began the inquest yesterday in the case of CATHARINE E. CAHILL, who was removed from No. 72 Pike-street to Bellevue Hospital, where she died, as was proved by the post-mortem examination made by Dr. JOHN BEACH, from puerperal convulsions. The only witness examined was SARAH BUTLER, who kept a boarding-house from which deceased was taken, but she was unable to state any facts of interest or importance. The case was adjourned for a week.

Serious Charge Against a Car-Driver.

While going home on Christmas night Alfred WHITE, of No. 421 Seventh-Avenue, says that he was attacked and robbed of a silver watch by JOHN CHAUNCEY, a driver on the Seventh-avenue line of cars. The outrage occurred in the dark district. CHAUNCEY was arrested, and was committed for examination by Justice SUTRO, in the Yorkville Police Court, yesterday.

The Carroll Homicide.

A post-mortem examination was made yesterday by Dr. JOHN BEACH in the case of EDWARD CARROLL, of No. 216 West Thirty-seventh-street, who was killed Christmas night, further particulars of which, in the saloon No. 606 Eighth-avenue, by a blow on the head from a mallet in the hands of JAMES MCCARTNEY, the proprietor of the place. Dr. BEACH found a fracture of the skull which in his opinion was due to the blow, and was the cause of death. All the witnesses in the case have been examined by Capt. CAFFERTY, Fourteenth Precinct, and Coroner HERRMAN will hold the inquest this morning.

Quarantine Abuses.

The Joint Committee on Quarantine Abuses is expected to meet to-morrow, when they will present a report on the motion recently taken to call forth the abuses which have called forth so much discussion. It is the intention of the Chamber of Commerce, acting in conjunction with the Joint Committee, to frame a bill which will thoroughly cover all the abuses to which the merchant and shipping interests of this City have been subjected through the heavy charges of Health Officers. This bill is to be submitted to the Legislature at the earliest possible date in charge of a special committee selected by the Chamber of Commerce.

Criminals Disposed of by Judge Ingraham.

The following cases were disposed of in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, before Judge INGRAHAM, yesterday:

JOHN MCGRATH, burglary in the second degree, five years in State Prison; ANN MCCORMICK, petit larceny, six months in the Penitentiary; EDWARD WELSH, grand larceny, two years in State Prison; REUBEN WARD, burglary in the THIRD degree, two years in State Prison; JOHN MEYERS, grand larceny, two years and six months in State Prison.

Convicted by Bleecker-Street Among Thieves.

A few days since, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, JOHN KENEVAN and PATRICK MCCARTHY were convicted of larceny from the person, and remanded for the purpose of affording opportunity to present affidavits as to previous good character. On yesterday, at the request of the Court, two young men named EDWARD MAHONY and GEORGE WILLIAMS, presented themselves at the bar and acknowledged themselves guilty of the crime of which KENEVAN and MCCARTHY had been previously convicted. All four were remanded until the case could be inquired into.

The Independent Banks.

The depositors in the unincorporated savings and mutual banks are complaining very loudly at the slowness of the receivers in settling the accounts so that payments may commence. Among the creditors of the Bowling-green Bank there is some talk of having another indignation meeting, as there now appears to be no indication that the hopes held out to them of receiving a portion of their money before the new year are likely to be fulfilled. Mr. MAN, the receiver of the Bowling-green Bank, has made a report which shows the assets of the bank, exclusive of those considered worthless, to be $288,958, and its liabilities $237,782.

City Meteorological Report.

The following observations show the temperature in this City yesterday:

Temperature.	7 A.M.	12 M.	3 P.M.	6 P.M.
Fahrenheit	36	41	45	41
Mean or bar. in inch.	30.09	30.13	....	30.05

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The Election Frauds in the Sixth Ward.

The second trial of MCGUFF, SHANLEY and WILSON, who are charged with stuffing the ballot-box in the First District of the Sixth Ward, was resumed yesterday, a jury having been obtained on Saturday. Messrs. D. P. BARNARD, CHARLES S. SPENCER and JOHN DOAN appeared for the defense, and the District-Attorney and Gen. A. C. DAVIS appeared for the prosecution, the latter opening the case on the part of the people. The testimony given was similar to that presented on the first trial of the case, with the addition that a copy of the poll-lists was given in evidence after it was shown that the original had been stolen. Among the names on the list were those of ANDREW GARVEY and ALEXANDER SHEARDER.

After the case for the prosecution was closed, the defense opened, calling among their witnesses JOHN SHEARDER, one of the defendants, who said that he knew nothing of the matter and did not even examine the poll-lists before signing them. He further states that he had been employed as a clerk in the Merchants' Exchange Reading-room, at 55 Pine-street, New-York, for the past six years, and that after the election, and before his arrest, he was discharged from his position at the solicitation of some prominent men in Brooklyn. The Court adjourned to-day morning, when the case will be concluded.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The attendance at the Exchange, yesterday, Dec. 26, was light, and although several legal auctions were expected to occur, no business was transacted, the sales announced for the day being adjourned as follows: Sale of four lots with buildings on Forty-sixth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, by JAMES E. MILLER, adjourned until Jan. 6, and sale of two lots on Forty-third-street, 165 feet west of Third-avenue, by JOSEPH MCGUIRE, adjourned until Jan. 9. For to-day no sales are advertised, and the entire week will probably bring forth but little of interest. At private sale WM. TUCKER, No. 320 Fifth-avenue, reports having recently sold the house and lot known as No. 204 East Fifteenth-street, the latter 16 by 60, to Mrs. HARVEY, for $9,000.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

WILL BE SOLD AT A BARGAIN IN W. 36th st., between 9th and 8th ave., a small three-story and basement brick house; possession immediately. JOHN E. PIERCE, No. 166 Broadway, corner Fiedd.

A FIRST-CLASS BROWN-STONE HOUSE for sale cheap; south-east corner Park-av. and 45th-st. Inquire on the premises from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR SALE—Corner 8 Avenue C and 15th-st., 77x80; three dwellings, all detached. Inquire on premises.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—AT A LOW RENT, ON THE BANKS of the Hudson River, a handsome, detached dwelling-house, with barn and stable, and plenty of land for a garden; a pleasant suburban residence near the grand Boulevard. Apply at No. 5 Bookman-st., Room No. 7, first floor.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

BANKRUPT FREEHOLD FACTORY SALE of the valuable property of THEODORE H. WETHERILL & SONS, No. 6 Rose-st., and No. 7 Ann-st. On TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, at 12 o'clock noon, will be sold at public sale, without reserve, at the Philadelphia Exchange, the following described Properties, in one lot, viz.: All that valuable Factory Property, No. 6 Rose-street, and No. 7 Ann-street, a four-story brick building, Nos. 120 and 122 West-street, in the rear of the above. All that valuable lot of ground, with the buildings thereon erected, situate on the north side of Second-street, above Vine-street, No. 224, containing in front or breadth on Second-street 17 feet, and extending in depth 90 feet 7 inches; then widening in the rear thereof 1 foot 6 inches; then widening in the rear thereof 1 foot 6 inches more; and extending the same width in the rear 15 feet 6 inches, more or less, to a 4-feet wide alley, leading into Vine-street aforesaid; the further depth of 5 feet 10 inches, more or less, adjoining on the east, being on the south side of said alley, and in front or breadth 5 feet 10 inches, and extending in depth 90 feet 7 inches, more or less, to Vine-street aforesaid. The improvements are a very substantial three-story and part-front building, occupied as a store-room and dwelling, and well-established business stand, with gas, water-closets, fireproof in the wall, large skylight in each room, basement, &c. Also, a substantially built four-story brick building on the north side of Vine-street, and 9 feet 6 inches west of Second-street, and 2 two-story brick dwelling-houses, Nos. 160 and 162 West-street. The property is subject to a mortgage of $4,000. Terms cash. Sale peremptory. Deeds at expense of purchaser. DEMAS BARNES, Assignee of the Estate of THEODORE H. WETHERILL & SONS, Bankrupts. No. 520 South 4th-st.

M. THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers, 422 Walnut-st. Rear No. 109 and 111 South 4th-st.

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Suburban Homes.

Four trains run and run, from morning to evening, every hour, to Dobbs Ferry, Hastings and Yonkers, stopping at every house on the line of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, and at the depot in Jersey City, foot of Cortlandt-st., New-York, corner of Jersey-av. and Pavonia-av., Jersey City.

A PLEASANT HOME FOR SALE IN one of the most pleasant localities on the line, within a few minutes' walk of the depot at Dobbs Ferry; house of 10 rooms, with all modern conveniences; stable, &c.; lot 100 feet front by 200 feet deep. Apply to A. T. STEWART, No. 280 Broadway, New-York City.

HARRISON & WALLER, REAL ESTATE & BROKERS, Exchange Building, Nos. 1 and 2 Broad-st., New-York, offer for sale, exchange or lease, Business Properties, Dwellings, Mansions, Suburban Residences, Orange Groves, Stock Farms, Improved and Unimproved Lands, Mortgages, &c. New-York Office, No. 2 Broad-st.

OWNER WANTS TO SELL HOUSE AND LOT, No. 2 Southern Boulevard, Morrisania, near Third-av. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for one year or more, by BLACKWELL & FRYER, 20 Broadway, 3 to 5 P. M. or Orange, corner Main and Cross-sts.

STORES, &c. TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN THE TIMES BUILDING. SPLENDID OFFICES TO LET IN THE FIRE-PROOF TIMES BUILDING. Apply at TIMES PRINTING-ROOM.

WILLARD'S HOTEL FOR RENT.

Having been appointed Receiver by the Court in the case of WOOD vs. WILLARD, I am authorized to receive PROPOSALS FOR RENTING, for a term of years, the celebrated hotel in this city known as WILLARD'S.

This house is most elegantly furnished throughout, and contains 300 rooms, and has one passenger and two hundred guests. To an approved tenant it will be leased on most favorable terms. Address

A. C. MCGIBBEN, Receiver, No. 6 Washington, D. C.

TO LEASE—ON STEAM, NEAR 3RD-ST., for a term of years, an elegant located store for a first-class business. Owner would make improvements for an unobjected tenant.

TO LEASE—The spacious offices corner of Broadway and Thames-st., suitable for a large and first-class business.

TO LET OR LEASE—The large room on second floor of the Ninth National Bank Building, Suitable for a life insurance or trust company.

TO LET OR LEASE—The large offices on second floor of the Park Bank Building, now occupied by them in building.

Apply to H. B. LUDLOW & CO., No. 1 Pine-st.

TO LET—STORE NO. 9 LISPENARD-ST., near Broadway; immediate possession; now occupied for sailor's skimmings; rent $1,200. Apply to A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

BROADWAY—TO LEASE, STORE NO. 1,254 Broadway, running through to Cromby-st. Call on premises, corner of Broadway and Union Carriage Warerooms, No. 638 Broadway.

FINANCIAL.

INTERNATIONAL RAILROAD CO

(OF TEXAS)

FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND

7 PER CT. GOLD BONDS.

FORTY YEARS TO RUN.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN NEW-YORK, FREE OF TAX.

TRUSTEES:

JOHN A. STEWART, WILLIAM H. OSBORN.

Issue Limited to $16,000 Per Mile on Finished Road.

The Road is being built through the centre of the State, from the Red River to the Rio Grande, bringing the interior of the State, with its population and extensive productions, into direct communication with the railroad system of the United States, via the Cairo and Fulton Railroad.

Sixty miles of the Road, between Hearne on the line of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, and Fulton, on the Red River, have been completed, and are now in operation, and the balance of the work is progressing rapidly.

THE STOCKHOLDERS HAVE PAID IN 25 PER CENT. IN CASH, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN JUDICIOUSLY EXPENDED IN CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO OFFERING THE BONDS FOR SALE.

The names of the stockholders, which include some of our best citizens, can be seen at the office of the Company.

Bonds for sale at 90 PER CENT. AND ACCRUED INTEREST IN CURRENCY, and further information given, by

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.,
No. 41 Cedar-st.,
SPOFFORD BROTHERS & CO.,
AND AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMPANY,
No. 78 Broadway, New-York.

EDWARD HAIGHT & CO.,
BANKERS,

NO. 9 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

FIVE PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

The business of our firm is the same as any State or National Bank.

Individuals or firms banking with us may deposit and draw as they please, the same as with any Bank, except that we allow 5 percent. Interest on all balances.

We buy and sell Bonds, Stocks, Gold, Business Paper, and collect business notes and drafts throughout the United States, giving prompt returns.

ERIE ROAD—BEFORE!

On the 9th inst. a meeting of a number of American holders of the stock of the Erie Railway Company was held at Richmond, 69 Fleet-street, E. C. Clerke, Reuben Manley and A. D. Williams were appointed a Committee to confer with such holders of Erie Railway Company's stock as are opposed to the present management of that Company. A statement upon the Committee, held on the 15th inst., by John Swann, who represents the English shareholders, was invited to be present, and expressed his concurrence with the views and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That all the American owners of Erie Railway Company's Stock, (whether standing in their own names or in those of other parties), who are opposed to the present management, and who desire to express that the affairs of the Company shall be conducted on commercial and not on political principles, be invited to send their respective Post-office addresses to the undersigned, at No. 9 Wall-st., New-York, No. 61 Broadway, New-York, to enable the Committee to communicate with them with the view of carrying out the objects of the meeting.

(Signed,) CLERKE, Chairman,
REUBEN MANLEY,
A. D. WILLIAMS.

OFFICE OF THE
RESOLUTE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 181 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1870.

THIS COMPANY HAVE THIS DAY complied with the requisition of the Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State of New-York by the full payment on the part of the stockholders of the fifty per cent. assessment made on them, and ALL IMPAIRMENT (caused by the recent conflagration at Chicago,) has thereby been fully made good, and the CAPITAL OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS over and above ALL LIABILITIES.

JOHN GIBSON, President.
WM. M. RANDELL, Secretary.

LOST OR STOLEN—CERTIFICATE NO. 1,258 for one hundred shares of the Preferred Stock of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company in the name of F. P. James & Co., dated May 6, 1871.

Notice has been stopped, and all persons are cautioned against purchasing, negotiating or retaining the same.

A reward will be paid upon its return to R. SKAATS & BROTHER, Brokers, No. 54 Broad-st.

MANHATTAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 125 FRONT-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Manhattan Telegraph Company for the election of directors will be held Dec. 28 at the office of the Company, No. 125 Front-st. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock.

W. P. COFFEE, Secretary.

OFFICE ROUND DIAMOND SILVER MINING CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1870.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—THE annual meeting for the election of Trustees and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board of Trustees will be held at No. 16 Pine-st., New-York, on THURSDAY, Jan. 12, 1871, at 2 o'clock P. M.

W. H. ALVORD, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1870.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Bank will be held at the banking-house, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this bank for the election of eleven Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-house, TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1872. Polls open from 10 to 1 o'clock.

J. D. VERMILYE, President.

MURRAY HILL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, corner 3d-av. and 37th-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1872, from 12 to 2 o'clock P. M.

JAMES STRIKER, Cashier.

NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 7, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 469 and 471 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 9th proximo, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1872, from 12 to 2 P. M.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

$140,000,000

U. S. 5-20 BONDS

Have been called in, and are now being paid.

The Government is rapidly funding our National debt by purchase and redemption, thereby assuring us that all the 4 per cents will soon be taken up by purchase or in exchange for Bonds at Four and Five per Cent. Interest.

Investors are looking for safe and suitable securities for reinvestment, and a good harbor is what they want.

Many holders are converting their Sterlings at once into the

PEORIA & ROCK ISLAND

First Mortgage

7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds,

Having within 20 to 25 PER CENT. TO THEIR CAPITAL, and about 45 PER CENT. in their YEARLY INCOME.

We commend these bonds strongly, for the following reasons:

The Road sixty-one miles in length, is already COMPLETED, and earning much more than the interest on the whole issue of bonds.

The mortgage, $1,500,000, is less than $12,000 per mile.

The road passes through a rich, populous, agricultural, manufacturing, and coal district.

It connects Peoria and Rock Island, 182 of the largest and most flourishing cities in Illinois, and forms part of a trunk line from Chicago to St. Paul—Northwest. It also connects two navigable rivers—the Illinois and Mississippi. The bonds are authorized for the entire road (permanent and necessary) buildings required to do the business now offered.

They are coupon bonds, $1,000 each, and can be registered if desired.

Interest, seven per cent., gold, free of tax, payable February and August.

Price, 90 and interest, in currency.

Maps and full particulars furnished by

TURNER BROTHERS,
No. 12 Nassau-st., New-York.

FIRST-CLASS
CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,
PAYING FROM
10 TO 12 PER CENT.,
FREE OF ALL TAXES.

INTEREST COUPONS PROMPTLY PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY IN NEW-YORK.

CHOICE SECURITIES OF UNDOUBTED CHARACTER BELOW PAR.

CITY VALUATION OF PROPERTY..... $39,458,601
WHOLE INDEBTEDNESS, (LIMITED) ONLY..... 1,079,000

GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES

RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE AT THE BEST RATES, AND BONDS PURCHASED BY OUT-OF-TOWN RESIDENTS SENT BY EXPRESS FREE OF CHARGE.

TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS OF ESTATES, CAPITALISTS, AND OTHERS SEEKING RELIABLE INVESTMENTS, ARE PURCHASING THESE LOANS, AND HOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES ARE ALSO CONVERTING INTO THESE BONDS, THEREBY MORE THAN DOUBLING THEIR INCOME.

ALSO, A SO EXTENSIVE VARIETY OF OTHER SECURITIES FOR SAFE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS AT LOW RATES, FOR SALE BY

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
BANKER, STOCK-BROKER AND AUCTIONEER,
NO. 42 PINE-ST.

N. B.—FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT SECURITIES, PAYING LARGE RATES OF INTEREST, A SPECIALTY WITH THIS HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS.

TO INVESTORS.

First Mortgage Railroad Bonds, as follows:

UTICA, CLINTON and BINGHAMTON,

Leased to New-York and Oswego Midland Company, and guaranteed by DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, 7 PER CENT.

COLUMBUS AND HOCKING VALLEY COMPANY,

10 and 20 years, 7 PER CENT.

NEWARK CITY, N. J.,

Improvement, 7 PER CENT.

OSWEGO CITY,

7 PER CENT.

For sale by

O. B. WOOD,
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JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
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Issue Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers, and Draw Bills on

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BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
Issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS OF THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY—EXTENSION OF TIME.—Sealed proposals for the sale of bonds to the two sinking funds will be received until March 1, 1872. The bonds to be issued in the sinking funds consist of portion of the bonds secured by mortgage on the main line, to one hundred and twenty thousand ($120,000) dollars. The amount in the sinking fund provided for the redemption of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Division, is thirty-two thousand ($32,000) dollars. Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, and plainly indicate whether the bonds offered are of the Galveston or Western Division. Only bonds offered at lowest rates will be purchased, and successful bidders notified without delay.

SHEPHERD KNAPP,
WM. WATER PHELPS, } Trustees.
New-York, Dec. 1, 1871. 52 Exchange-place, New-York City.

OFFICE OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.,
NO. 120 BROADWAY, Dec. 11, 1871.

THE BOOKS OF THE COMPANY FOR the registered bonds will be closed on Friday, Dec. 15, preparatory to the payment of interest due Jan. 1, 1872. Such interest will be made by attaching to each bond a check for the amount of interest due, and by entering the same in the books of the Company. All bondholders who have changed their Post-office address since July 1, 1871, are requested to send new address at once to this office. The books will be reopened Tuesday, Jan. 2.

A. H. BARNEY, Treasurer.

OFFICE HOFFMAN FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 120 BROADWAY, New-York,
Dec. 22, 1871.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the transfer-books of this Company will be closed on THURSDAY, the 28th December, at the close of business, and will be opened again on the 3d January ensuing.

By order of the Board of Directors.

OLIVER A. TRASK, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Staten Island Mortgage Co. agency has been called by the Corporation thereof to be held at the office of said Company, No. 39 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on the 28th day of December, 1871, at 12 o'clock A. M., and that the first election of directors will take place at said meeting. By order of the corporators.

E. H. HUTTON, Chairman.
CHARLES TRACY, Secretary.
Dated NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1871.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1871.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this bank and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 547 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, pro ximo. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

THE GERMAN AMERICAN BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-holders of this Bank for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. By order of the Board.

O. H. SCHRIENER, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors and Inspectors of Election, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, 9th January, 1872, from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1872, from 12 to 1 P. M.

W. H. MERRELL, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 32 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1872. The polls will open at 12 M. and close at 1 o'clock P. M.

WM. H. GUION, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

A FIRST-CLASS
NEW-YORK SECURITY
AT A LOW PRICE.

The undersigned offer for sale the FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS of the Syracuse and Chenango Valley Railroad, at 95 and accrued interest.

This road runs from Syracuse to Sherburne Village, where it unites with the New-York Midland Railroad, thus connecting that city by a direct line of road with this Metropolis.

Its length is forty-two miles, its COST ABOUT $40,000 PER MILE, and its MORTGAGE FOR LESS THAN $15,000 PER MILE; the balance of the funds required for the construction having been raised by subscription to the capital stock.

The road approach is complete. It traverses a populous and fertile district of the State, which insures it a paying business, and it is under the control of gentlemen of high character and ability. Its bonds possess all the requisites of an inviting investment; they are amply secured by a mortgage for LESS THAN ONE-THIRD THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. They pay SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD INTEREST, and are offered five per cent. below par. The earnings now assure a remunerative return to all classes of investors.

GEORGE OPDYKE & CO.,
No. 25 Nassau-st.

EIGHT PER CT. BONDS,
OF GREENE COUNTY,
State of Missouri.

The attention of investors is called to the above Bonds, which are issued to the Kansas City and Memphis branch of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company. The total debt of Greene County, prior to the issue of these bonds, was about $15,000. The assessed valuation of taxable property, which is estimated at half its actual value—is $9,712,078, in addition to which about $2,000,000 of railroad property will become taxable for the first time during the present year.

The entire issue of these bonds is $600,000 in coupon bonds of $1,000 each, bearing date Aug. 1, 1871, and maturing in twenty years. Interest, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, is payable in New-York on the first days of February and August in each year. We are authorized to offer this loan to the public at 90 and accrued interest, with the reserved right to advance the price at any time. At this price they pay OVER ELEVEN PER CENT. on the investment.

Government and other marketable securities received in exchange at current rates, no paying express charges both ways.

Pamphlets, &c., with all particulars, or any further information, will be furnished upon application, either personally or by letter.

GWYNNE, JOHNSON & DAY, Bankers,
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DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION

RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.

MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

TO INVESTORS.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., BANKERS,
NO. 27 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.

OFFER FOR SALE

any part of $1,000,000 GRAND RAPIDS AND INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANY'S FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS, bearing seven per cent. interest, payable in GOLD, free of Government tax, being the balance now remaining unsold of the $2,000,000 of said Bonds, which are also secured by a LAND GRANT of 1,100,000 acres of choice pine lumber land, the proceeds of the sales of which are applied to the redemption of the bonds. The Land Commissioner reports Dec. 12, that the land sales to that date amounts to about 50,000 acres, at an average of $15 per acre. He estimates the proceeds of the entire land grant at not less than $16,000,000. The road is now completed, and earning sufficient money to pay the interest on the whole issue of bonds. Prices liberal and accrued interest. We recommend these bonds to investors as a perfectly safe and desirable security.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH-WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY of Montreal and London, having in contemplation to extend their fire business in America, invite applications for their agency in New-York.

It is indispensable that the company should have a full corps of experienced managers of agents of first-class companies, and be able to give security for such an amount as may be thought necessary by the directors.

The Northern Assurance Company was established in 1836, has a capital of two millions sterling, fully subscribed by upwards of 700 shareholders, (whose liability is unlimited,) and possesses funds in hand (fire and life) over and above the capital. They are also prepared to make the deposits required by the laws of the States. Applications (which should, if possible, be accompanied by references to one or more of the above-named companies) and all communications should be addressed to the general manager, A. F. FOSDICK, at the Company's offices, No. 1 Moorgate-st., London, E. C.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN SUBMARINE COMPANY,
No. 52 LIBERTY-ST. ROOM NO. 37,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of trustees to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, Nos. 52 and 54 Liberty-st., Room No. 37, on MONDAY, the 1st day of January, A. D. 1872, at 12 o'clock M.

The question of ratifying the past acts and proceedings of the trustees and other officers will also come before the meeting.

By order of the Board.

HENRY WATERMAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MERCANTILE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, ROOM NO. 64, TRINITY BUILDING, No. 111 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1872, at 12 o'clock M.

The transfer-books will remain open from Dec. 22, 1871, to Jan. 9, 1872, inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JOHN V. HART, Secretary.

FITCH & ELLIS,
BANKERS, NO. 11 PINE-ST.,
Offer safe and desirable

8 per Cent. Bonds at 75 and interest.
10 per Cent. Bonds at 85 and interest.
Strictly first-class Securities a specialty.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 51 WALL-ST., CORNER OF WILLIAM.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY will close on the 31st instant, preparatory to the annual settlement. Certain holding policies on risks which will have terminated during the year prior to the 1st of January next may be presented for further account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

DRY GOODS BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR TWENTY Directors of this Bank, and three Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-rooms, No. 237 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1872, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

CHARLES F. ROGERS, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 193 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1872, between

SHIPPING.

WHITE STAR LINE.

NEW-YORK, CORK AND LIVERPOOL.
NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS,
THE SIX LARGEST IN THE WORLD.
4,000 tons burthen each.

Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, and from Queenstown on each following day.
ADRIATIC, Capt. Wilmerdine, Saturday, Dec. 16
ATLANTIC, Capt. Elliott, Saturday, Dec. 23
From the dock foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York, at 10 A. M., and from Queenstown the day following.
Rates of passage: Cabin, $80 and $100, according to location of state-room. Steerage, $30, currency.
SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.
Saloon, state-rooms and promenade decks amidships, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.
RATES—Saloon, $80, gold; steerage, $30, currency.
Those wishing to send for friends from the Old Country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $30, currency.
Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, Paris, Hamburg, Bremen, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.
Excursion tickets granted at lowest rates.
Drafts from £1 upwards payable on demand in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information, apply at the Company's offices, No. 29 Broadway, New-York.
J. H. SPARKS, Agent.

CUNARD LINE.

THE AMERICAN AND NORTH AMERICAN
ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK.

CUBA	Wednesday, Dec. 27
ABYSSINIA	Wednesday, Jan. 3, '72
ALGERIA	Wednesday, Jan. 10, '72
RUSSIA	Saturday, Jan. 13, '72
JAVA	Wednesday, Jan. 17, '72
ALEPPO	Saturday, Dec. 30
BATAVIA	Saturday, Jan. 6, '72
SAMARIA	Saturday, Jan. 13, '72
SIBERIA	Saturday, Jan. 20, '72
MEDIA	Saturday, Jan. 27, '72

and every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
Cabin, $80, $90 and $100, according to location of state-room. Steerage, $30, currency.
Tickets to Paris, $110, gold, additional.
Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage, $60, currency.
Steerage passengers forwarded to all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, Continental Europe and Scandinavia, at moderate rates.
Through Bills of Lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, Hamburg, Bremen, Paris and the Continent.
For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.
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CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 A. M.
and every succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
Payable in Gold. Payable in Currency.
First cabin.....$80 | To Paris.....$110
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Steamers sail every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, to and from
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Passengers booked and forwarded to and from all railway stations in Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Havre, Hamburg, Antwerp, Paris, Switzerland, Italy, &c., speedily, carefully and cheaply as by any other route or line.
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Saturday, Dec. 9.	BURMA. Saturday, Dec. 23.
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And every SUBSEQUENT SATURDAY and TUESDAY after from Pier 50 North River, New-York, at noon.
Rates of passage, payable in currency, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Londonderry:
First cabin, $75 and $80, according to location.
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ST. LAURENT.....LEMAIRE.....Saturday, Dec. 23
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PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wines) TO BREST OR HAVRE.
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Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
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THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch their powerful iron screw steamships from
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as follows:
WYOMING, Capt. WILMERDINE.....Dec. 27, at 2 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Jan. 3, at 11 A. M.
IDAHO, Capt. PIKE.....Jan. 10, at 6 P. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. LEITCH.....Jan. 17, at 2 P. M.
COLORADO, Capt. T. H. FREEMAN, 2d.....Jan. 24, at 11 A. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. T. W. FREEMAN.....Jan. 31, at 6 P. M.
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CARRYING MAILS, PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT TO
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GENERAL AMERICA.....Saturday, Dec. 16
HENRY CHAUNCEY.....Sept. 23
Steamers leave PIER 42, NORTH RIVER, foot of Canal-st., at 12 M., on the 16th and 23d of each month, except when those dates fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
Pier 42, North River, HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY, will leave for the above ports on SATURDAY, Dec. 23, at 12 o'clock, noon, for Aspinwall direct.
Passengers will take the steamer of the 23d for Yokohama, connecting at Aspinwall with the Company's steamer for Panama, connecting at Panama with the Company's steamer for Yokohama, touching at Honolulu.
Through tickets to Japan and China, $300 currency.
Through tickets to Australia, $300 currency.
Through tickets to Kingston, Jamaica, $50 currency.
Through tickets to Aspinwall, $100 currency.
Through tickets to Panama, $150 currency.
Through tickets to Valparaiso, $250 currency.
Through tickets to Callao, $300 currency.
Through tickets to Greytown, $75 currency.
Through tickets to Pacific Coast of Mexico, $150 currency.
Through tickets to Pacific Coast of South America, $250 currency.
Through tickets to Pacific Coast of Central America, $150 currency.
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GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, Dec. 28, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, Capt. [illegible], SATURDAY, Dec. 30, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
MAGNOLIA, Capt. PALMER, SATURDAY, Dec. 30, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. P. CLYDE & CO., Agents,
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WM. P. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.
VIRGO, Capt. BULKLEY, TUESDAY, Jan. 2, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
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SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

East River Savings Institution,

NO. 26 CHAMBERS-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1871.
FORTY-SEVENTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.
Interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum will be paid on demand (after Jan. 2) on all sums which have remained on deposit for the full period of six months previous to the 1st of January, 1872, and such called for will be credited as an original deposit.
Bank open daily from 10 to 3, and on Thursdays from 10 to 7.
WM. H. SLOCUM, President.
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

Broadway Savings Institution.

NO. 767 BROADWAY, entrance on Park-place.
Open for deposits, published interest, July, October, six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of six per Cent. per annum, and all sums of $5 and upwards, will be paid on demand.
WARD B. WORDELL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Acct.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,

CORNER OF 23D-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1871.
INTEREST.—Commencing with January, 1872, the rate of Six per Cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits from $1 to $5,000 will be paid on each depositor's account for the 6 months ending Dec. 31, 1871, and thereafter interest will be allowed on each account for the 6 months ending June and December, and will be paid on demand.
Interest will be added to accounts Jan. 1, and if not drawn bear interest as new deposits.
All deposits made on or before the 10th of January, will draw interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.
JOHN H. LEON, President.
GEO. L. HALSEY, Secretary.

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No. 1, and 2 Astor-place, New-York, opposite Cooper Institute.
CHARTERED IN 1850.
DEPOSITS.....$6,775,600 00
THIRTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.
Interest, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, will be paid to depositors entitled thereto, on and after the 15th of January.
Interest begins Jan. 1 on new deposits of $5 and upward. ONE DOLLAR received on deposit.
BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES.
ISAAC T. SMITH, President.
T. W. LELLIS, Secretary.

MUTUAL BENEFIT SAVINGS BANK,

No. 102 NASSAU-ST. (Sun Building), New-York.
DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. PER ANNUM, on all sums of $5 and upward which have been on deposit one or more months next previous to Jan. 1, will be credited to said accounts on that day.
INTEREST on all sums which will remain on deposit one month after Jan. 1, will be credited as principal, and will draw interest accordingly.
The Bank will be open daily at 10 A. M., and on MONDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from 6½ to 8½ o'clock.
CHARLES E. GRAHAM, President.
C. H. REMBERT, Secretary.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK, NO. 72 6TH-AV., NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1871.

INTEREST WILL BE PAID TO depositors at the rate of Seven per Cent. per annum on all sums of $5 to $600, and Six per Cent. on all sums over $600, and not exceeding $2,000, on and after MONDAY, the 15th of January.
Interest not called for will be credited as principal, and will draw interest from Jan. 1.
All deposits made on or before Jan. 10, 1872, will draw interest from the 1st.
WILLIAM F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.
JAMES BEECH, } Secretaries.
ALEXANDER HOGARTH, }

CHARTERED BY THE UNITED STATES.

THE FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY,
A National Savings Bank,
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Interest quarterly at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on deposits of $5 and upwards. Interest commences the first day of each month. Letters of credit for travelers issued, bearing interest. Accounts strictly private and confidential. Deposits paid on DEMAND, with interest due. Interest paid by check to parties out of the City. Send for circular.
SAM'L D. HARRIS, Manager.
JOHN J. CISCO, Cashier.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK,

No. 208 6th-av., corner 23d-st.
Deposits made now draw interest from Jan. 1, at SIX PER CENT.
The semi-annual interest will be paid on and after Jan. 1, and if not drawn will be credited to accounts and draw interest from Jan. 1.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock.
JOHN H. LEON, President.
GEO. L. HALSEY, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

NO. 382 BOWERY, NEAR HOUSTON-ST.
SIX PER CENT. interest allowed on all sums from $5 to $10,000. Deposits made now draw interest from the 1st day of January, 1872. Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.
ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
BRYCE C. PERRY, Secretary.

SAVINGS SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

No. 9 Wooster-st.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1871.
The Trustees of this institution have directed that a DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. shall be paid upon all sums entitled thereto, payable on and after the 15th of January.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

1870—JANUARY INTEREST.—1871.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of Bowery and Canal-st.
The twenty-third semi-annual interest Dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum will be credited and paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 8. On deposits made now, interest will commence from Jan. 1.
H. A. QUINTARD, President.
SEYMOUR J. RUSH, Secretary.

UNION DEEP SAVINGS BANK,

No. 109 CANAL-ST., corner of Jersey-st.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST on $10 to $5,000, allowed deposited now, will bear interest from Jan. 1.
ASSETS, $10,375,199 25.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COURT-HOUSE, PARK, No. 25 CHAMBERS-ST., Dec. 20, 1871.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes to pay the same at this office before the 1st day of January, 1872. On and after that date interest at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum will be collected from 0th A. 1871, to day of payment, with 5% added. On the 15th day of January, 1872, warrants will be issued for the collection of all personal taxes remaining unpaid on that date.
BERNARD SMITH, Receiver.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY GIVES NOTICE, THAT ALL creditors of MARSHAL O. DELL, of the City of New-York, an insolvent debtor, be required to present their claims, duly proved, according to law, to the Supreme Court of said City and County, at the Chambers thereof, on the 4th day of March next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Chamber of said Court, Why an assignment of the said insolvent's estate should not be made, and he be discharged from his debts pursuant to the statutes of the United States in relation to bankruptcy, and why a warrant should not issue to the assignee named in such assignment, directing him to take possession of the estate and effects of said insolvent, and why the prayer of the petition of said insolvent should not be granted. Said insolvent resides in the City of New-York, in said district, and his place of business is No. 19 Park Row, in the City of New-York, and his business is that of a newspaper publisher, and he is indebted on his own account as principal debtor, and as surety, endorser and guarantor, in the sum of $100,000 and upwards. His assets consist of his stock in trade, and in the newspaper published in the City of New-York, entitled THE NEW-YORK DAILY TIMES. And I hereby direct that notice of this order be published in the DAILY TIMES, a newspaper printed in the City of New-York, and that a copy thereof be forthwith served on Marshal O. Dell, insolvent, residing in the United States, and whose place of residence is known to the said Marshal O. Dell, insolvent, and that a copy of the said petition of the said creditor be delivered to the said insolvent in person or by letter, addressed to him by mail at his known and usual place of residence. If such service shall be made by mail, it shall be at least thirty days before the 4th day of March next, at 11 o'clock. And if no such cause be shown, or if cause be shown and it be not sufficient, an order will be made declaring the said insolvent entitled to the benefit of the said statutes. Dated the 28th day of December, A. D. 1871, at the City of New-York, in the said district.
JOHN H. McCUNN, Justice,
Sitting in Bankruptcy.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of EDWARD P. BULKLEY, GEORGE W. MURRAY and FRANCIS F. CECIL, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 2,068.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said District, duly declared bankrupts, together with George W. Murray, by the payment in full of their debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 16th day of January, 1872, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Mr. John Fitch, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 44 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, is fixed for the final hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioners should not be granted. Dated New-York, the 19th day of December, A. D. 1871.
GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOSEPH A. SCOTT and ISAAC N. PHILLIPS, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 2,069.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said District, duly declared bankrupts, together with Joseph A. Scott, by the payment in full of their debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 16th day of January, 1872, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Mr. John Fitch, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 44 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, is fixed for the final hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioners should not be granted. Dated New-York, the 19th day of December, A. D. 1871.
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GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.
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IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ALVAH BLAISDELL, JOHN J. ROBERTSON and JOHN H. TISDALE, bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court by Alvah Blaisdell, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for the benefit of himself and creditors; that the 11th day of January, A. D. 1872, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of James K. Dyrkes, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 11 Law Building, Newburgh, N. Y., is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. Dated Newburgh, N. Y., the 13th day of December, A. D. 1871.
JOSHUA R. BURTON,
No. 11 Law Building, Newburgh, N. Y., Assignee.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of RAYMOND S. PERRIN and ISAAC A. HANCE, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said District, bankrupts.—To the creditors of the said Raymond S. Perrin and Isaac A. Hance, bankrupts, and to their creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 165 Broadway, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 19th day of January, A. D. 1872, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the office of James F. Dwight, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said Court.
GEORGE E. SHARPE,
Marshal—Messenger.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR the discharge of an Insolvent Debtor.—Pursuant to the provisions of the third article of the first title of the second part of the Revised Statutes.—JOSEPH LOEWENBERG, of the City of New-York.—Notice is first published on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1871.—Creditors to appear before Hon. John H. McCunn, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the City of New-York, at the Superior Court of the City of New-York, at the Court-house in the City of New-York, on the 7th day of March next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.—New-York, Dec. 12, 1871.
VAN SANTVOORD & WARDELL,
Attorneys for Insolvent.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ELIAS C. KELLAM, bankrupt.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Joshua S. Kollam, of the town of Fremont, in the County of Sullivan, and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at Newburgh, New-York, the 10th day of March, A. D. 1871.
JOSHUA R. BURTON,
No. 11 Law Building, Newburgh, N. Y., Assignee.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of LEWIS DILL, bankrupt.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Lewis Dill, of the town of Fallsburg, in the County of Sullivan, and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at Newburgh, New-York, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1871.
JOSHUA R. BURTON,
No. 11 Law Building, Newburgh, N. Y., Assignee.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of CHARLES BROOM, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Charles Broom, of the Town of Fallsburg, in the County of Sullivan, and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at the City of Newburgh, N. Y., the 13th day of December, A. D. 1871.
JOSHUA R. BURTON,
No. 11 Law Building, Newburgh, N. Y., Assignee.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of SIMON ROSENHAUM, Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Before John Fitch, Esq., Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of appointment as assignee of the estate of Simon Rosenhaum, of New-York City, in the County of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York City, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1871. SOLOMON N. COHEN,
Assignee.
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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Gen. C. L. ARCHINOS, of South Carolina, is at the Grand Hotel.

Col. TOWNSMAN, of New-Orleans, is at the Clarendon.

Gen. E. A. MERRITT, of Potsdam, N. Y., is at the Astor House.

Col. W. H. OWENS of the United States Army is at the Gresham Hotel.

United States Senator A. H. CRAGIN, of New-Hampshire is at the Westmoreland Hotel.

Gen. G. T. GIDDINGS, of Texas, and Hon. P. W. TAIT, of Ohio, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Judge R. D. ARMONIA, of Kansas, and Col. JULIUS P. GAGE, of Cambridge, are at the Grand Central Hotel.

The Christmas festival of the schools of St. John's Chapel, Varick-street, will take place at 2 P. M. today.

Col. T. P. B. BLENDIGEN, of Albany, and Col. FOWLKES, of New-Orleans, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

The Children's Field Christmas reception will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the institution, No. 407 East Fifty-eighth-street.

Another kerosene explosion occurred on the third floor of the six-story tenement-house, No. 9 Bayard-street, causing a damage of $50.

A kerosene lamp exploded last night in the basement of the basement-tenement No. 4 Pitt-avenue, causing slight damage to the furniture.

The German Citizens Women's Aid Society gave its second annual ball at Munninger Hall, in West Thirty-second-street, last night.

Controller A. P. NICHOLS, of Albany, and Lieut.-Commander D. C. WOODROW, of the United States Navy, are at the Hoffman House.

The German Association for Arts and Sciences was engaged last night in a Christmas carols dramatic at Coburg Hall, in Stanton-street.

CORNELIUS HAHE, of No. 65 Mott-street, was committed yesterday by Justice DOWLING, on a charge of stabbing ELIZA JENNINGS, of No. 69 Mott-street.

Company E, of the Fifth Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., gave a movie dramatic at Beinle's Hall, No. 204 Avenue A, last night, which was a lively affair.

The German Dramatic Society Adele, of Prasnitz Hall, in Houston-street, last evening, gave a soiree, which featured a dramatic performance and dancing.

WILLIAM IRVING, seaman on the ship James Foster, Jr., fell from a topsail-yard-arm and had his leg broken. He was sent to Bellevue Hospital.

The Republican portion of the Aldermanic Board held a caucus at the Fifth-avenue Hotel last night, Room No. 1. The result was not made public.

Mr. ALBERT BRISBANE will read a paper before the Liberal Club on Friday evening next. Subject: "A new Organon of Philosophical Investigation and Discovery."

Yesterday the body of a man was found in the East River, near Blackwell's Island, and was taken to the Dead-house. Deceased was about sixty years of age.

The most ill-paved district, yet the most crowded thoroughfare in the City, is Fulton-street. The mud and slush are more than half a foot deep in many places.

JOHN D. ALDRICH was committed yesterday, at Jefferson Market, charged with stealing a watch from ISAAC J. HORSVILLE, of No. 268 West Thirtieth-street.

THOMAS A. LEIDWITH resumes his old department as Justice of Jefferson Market Police Court, vice Justice SHANDLEY, TWEEDY'S associate, will go back to Essex Market.

During an altercation last night between Henry McGRATH, of No. 5 Jones-st., the latter dealt the former on the head with some blunt instrument, inflicting severe scalp wounds.

On Thursday evening next, Rev. J. P. NEWMAN will deliver a lecture on "Greenland," in the Washington-square Methodist Episcopal Church, Fourth street, near Sixth-avenue.

HERMAN ELKINS was committed yesterday, by Justice CHARLTON, charged with stealing a quantity of woollen apparel, valued at $70, from MARCUS ROSENTHAL, of No. 126 Broad-street.

Ex-Gov. T. B. PARSONS, of Alabama; Hon. J. O'DONNELL, of Lowville, N. Y.; Hon. M. P. BOWEN, of Mayville, and Hon. C. S. BUSHNELL, of New-Haven, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

The childrens' Christmas fete at Lieder-kranz Hall, yesterday afternoon, was a grand affair, and was largely attended. The festivities included musical exercises and a distribution of choice Christmas gifts.

HIRAM COLES, aged sixty-eight years, died yesterday in Bellevue Hospital from the effects of falling, on Saturday evening, from the left of No. 220 East Twenty-fourth-street, a distance of ten feet.

Lieut.-Gov. JOHN L. MANTY, of Virginia; Gen. R. W. LAWRENCE, of Syracuse; Gen. JAMES B. MOSLEY, of Pittsburg, and Hon. A. HUMPHREYS, of Columbus, Miss., are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Prof. E. FONTAIN gave an interesting lecture before the Historical and Scientific Society at the Cooper Institute last evening, on "The Fossiliferites of the Physical Geography of the Mississippi Plains."

WILLIAM J. PATTERSON, a truckman, was committed yesterday morning by Justice DOWLING for obstructing the passage of the Sixth-avenue cars in West Broadway by refusing to remove his truck from the track.

JOHN KELLY was charged yesterday, before Justice SHANDLEY, with breaking into the house of JAMES GILLIGAN, at the foot of East Thirteenth-street, and stealing property valued at $60. He was committed for trial.

Inspector-General JAMES MCQUADE, of Gov. HOFFMAN'S staff; Sir ALEXANDER T. GALT, of Montreal; HENRY D. SANDERSON, member of Parliament, Montreal; Lieut.-Commander and R. J. E. SMITH, of England, are at the Gilsey House.

The case of Mrs. VAN BUSKIRK, of Bond-street, charged with ejecting the "Black Crook" blondes from her house, was again before Justice HOGAN at the Tombs yesterday, but the case was adjourned without any testimony being taken.

By reckless driving a wagon, in which were JOHN MCGAVIN, his wife and sister, was brought in collision with the street cars at Thirty-fifth-street and Third-avenue, throwing out and severely injuring all the occupants and demolishing the wagon.

The Social Reformers, Third Division, a German benevolent organization, gave its annual ball at Cosmopolitan Hall, in Grand-st. and Orchard-street, last night, which yielded a handsome surplus in aid of the charitable fund established by the society.

The pupils of the German School Institute, of No. 220 East Twenty-seventh-street, celebrated Christmas at the Teutonia Assembly Rooms, Third-avenue, last evening, by a soiree, which featured a distribution of Christmas gifts, musical entertainment and dancing.

Yesterday the Erie Railway Company commenced, in the presence of Commissioner Wetmore, the transfer of the three stock claimed by SHARPE and RUTHERFORD to their ownership, and the Company will continue the transfer till all the shares claimed are delivered.

DAVID DAY was committed yesterday by Justice DOWLING, at the Tombs Police Court, on a charge of stealing a silver watch from the pocket of JAMES G. GARDNER, of No. 94 Bowery, as he was getting on a street car at Broadway and Prince-street, Christmas night.

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out on the top floor of No. 81 Commerce-st., occupied as an hotel by Mrs. ELIZA BELLEW. It was caused by a candle setting fire to some bedding. It was extinguished after causing a damage of $75, insured for $5,000 in the People's Insurance Company.

Yesterday morning an affray occurred at Hester-street and the Bowery, during which CHARLES DUFFY, of No. 66 Elizabeth-street, shot JAMES SULLIVAN, who lives at 39 Third-avenue and Fourteenth-street, in the right breast, inflicting a dangerous wound. DUFFY was arrested and committed for trial at the Essex Market Police Court.

The members of Post No. 79, Grand Army of the Republic, met last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, John H. Brady; Senior Vice-Commander, Luke J. Gibney; Junior V. C., Joseph Bohmeier; Quartermaster, Thomas W. Robertson; Officer of the Day, John Phillips; Chaplain, Samuel D. Willis.

Hon. LEOPOLD SCHMIDT, for many years General-Consul of Saxony and Baden at this port, has received a further mark of distinction for his services. The Grand Duke of BADEN, who is the son-in-law of the Emperor of Germany, has presented him with the Knight Commander's cross of the Order of the "Zahringer Loewen," which is very rarely given to any one.

The following figures show the result of four observations in New-York City of the range of the barometer and thermometer, the direction of the wind and the state of the weather yesterday: 6 A. M.—Thermometer, 46° barometer, 30.14; wind, south-west. 11 A. M.—Thermometer, 61°; barometer, 30.26; wind, north-east. 2 P. M.—Thermometer, 61°; barometer, 30.28; wind, north-east. 6 P. M.—Thermometer, 59°; barometer, 30.18; wind, north-east. Sky generally overcast, with rain at times from 10½ A. M. to 11½ A. M.; sunset 3:59 P. M.

LONG ISLAND.

Investigation into the alleged frauds of the Justices and constables was continued yesterday at the Town Hall, Jamaica.

The Queens County Board of Supervisors, at their meeting yesterday, refused to levy a tax to pay off the debt of the old town of Newtown. It is said that they intend to repudiate the debts on some technical point.

By order of the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Districts Nos. 26 and 28, comprising the towns of Flushing, Hempstead and Oyster Bay, have been consolidated, and Assistant Assessor E. S. WRIGHT has been removed to take charge of the new division.

On Monday, DANIEL CONNOR was invited by JOHN and THOMAS MINAHAN and THOMAS O'BRIEN to a Christmas dinner. Connor accepted the invitations, and on the way was accosted by the above-named persons, and a number of others, who were determined in an ambuscade, and unmercifully beaten. Fears are entertained for his life. The assailants were arrested, and are now awaiting trial.

NEW-JERSEY.

Three deaths occurred in Newark last week from small-pox.

A new bell is about to be placed in the Reformed Church at Franklin.

The track of the Midland Railroad has been completed as far as Hackensack.

There are unpaid street improvement claims against Elizabeth, amounting to $236,429.

JAMES W. MARSHALL, the first discoverer of gold in California, is visiting his early home at Lambertville.

The subscriptions to the New-Jersey Colonization Society, last year, were $1,600, and 249 colored persons were sent to Africa, by the Society.

The Newark Common Council holds its last meeting on Friday evening. The newly-elected Common Council will organize on Tuesday, 2d proximo.

An attempt was been made in Jersey City to organize a section of the International Society, but as little interest was shown that no organization was effected.

The executors of the estate of the late GEO. B. COMB have conveyed the Emmell property, at Morristown, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be used as a parsonage.

About noon yesterday a fire was discovered in the laundry of J. W. SMITH, at Belleville. It originated in a straw bed upon the upper floor, and occasioned a loss probably of $1,000.

The Jersey City Board of Public Works had granted permission to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad temporarily to run its track below the grade of the streets which cross it.

Chief of Police MCWILLIAMS and Postmaster BRENNAN, of Jersey City, yesterday continued the examination of persons connected with the office, hoping to elicit some clue to the late robbery, but as no information of importance was elicited, all were discharged.

On Monday a train on the Morris and Essex Railroad came near striking a horse and wagon, driven by a colored man named GEORGE FORD. The driver became frightened, leaped out and was struck by the locomotive, having his leg broken. The horse and wagon from which he had jumped escaped without damage.

The members of the Newark Common Council and the Mayor yesterday visited the Point of Rocks, near Jersey City, for the purpose of witnessing the working of Blake's stone-crushing machine, with a view to its possible use in breaking the stone for the Belleville pavement. They returned to Jersey City at 8 o'clock, and dined at Taylor's Hotel, after which they left for Newark.

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St. Laurent.....Dec. 30...New-York....Havre.
Italy.....Dec. 30...New-York....Liverpool.
Europa.....Dec. 30...New-York....Glasgow.
Amerika.....Dec. 30...New-York....Bremen.

FOR HAVANA AND AMPIWALL.

Missouri.....Dec. 28...New-York....Havana.
Henry Chauncey...Dec. 30...New-York....Aspinwall.

Closing of Foreign Mails at Post-Office.

WEDNESDAY.

For Europe, via Queenstown, by the Wyoming, at 11:30 A. M., with a supplementary mail for double-paid letters only, on Pier No. 46 North River, until 1:45 P. M.

Closing of Domestic Mails.

North, Poughkeepsie Way.....5 A. M.; 3 P. M.
North, through, via N. H. R. R.....8 A. M.; 4:00 P. M.
North, New-York Way.....8 A. M.; 4:00 P. M.
North Way, via Harlem R. R.....8 A. M.; 2 P. M.
East, via New-Haven.....8 A. M.; 1:30, 6 P. M.
East, via Newport.....2 P. M.
East, New-Haven Way.....8 A. M.; 1:30, 6 P. M.
East, Fall River, rail.....2 P. M.
South, Through.....7 A. M.; 7:30 P. M.
Philadelphia Way.....8 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Albany.....
Rochester, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Salt Lake and Dec.....7 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West, Northern R. R. to Franklin and Montville, Penn.....7 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.

MINATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....7:23 | Sun sets.....4:39 | Moon rises..8:21
Sandy Hook...7:07 | Gov. Island..7:36 | Hell Gate....8:25

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....TUESDAY, Dec. 26.

Cleared.

Steam-ships Cuba, (Br.,) Watson, Liverpool, Thos. G. Freeborn; Leo, Dearborn, Savannah, Geo. Mer. Ins. Co.; Manhattan, Cashier, Wilmington, N. C., Murray, Ferris & Co.; Zodiac, Cheeseman, Newbern, N. C., Murray, Ferris & Co.; Isaac Hall, Richmond, Norfolk, &c., Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.; Neptune, Baker, Boston, R. P. Dimock.

Barks Wells, Prescott, Tupper & Reddin.

Brig D. R. Crockwell, Harting, Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, J. Norris, Jr., & Sons; A. R. Foster, Sloo, Jr., Archer, Lagunyra and Porto Cabello, Dall, Billard & Co.; Josie, Pettigrew, Havana, Simpson, Chard & Co.

Schrs. Mary D. Leach, Atkins, Jacmel, R. J. Wendell; East Wind, Dowler, St. Marc, Brett, Son & Co.; Antony, Hart, Rappahannock, E. W. Lord & Co.; Talma, Solomon, Bridgeport.

Arrived.

Steam-ship Europa, (Br.,) Campbell, Glasgow Dec. 9, via Moville 16th, with mdse. & 304 passengers to Montgomery Hunter.

Steam-ship Mala, (N. G.,) Ludwigs, Bremen Dec. 10, via Southampton 12th, with mdse. and 235 passengers to Oelrichs & Co. Experienced very heavy easterly gale and high sea during the entire passage. Ship Agamemnon, Pierce, from Antwerp 3d inst., with mdse. and passengers to W. R. Grace & Co.

Steam-ship Champion, Lockwood, Charleston 23d inst., with mdse. and passengers to Henry R. Morgan & Co.

Steam-ship Wyandotte, Smith, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.

Steam-ship Silas S. Terry, Simpson, Newbern, N. C. 26th, with naval stores to Murray, Ferris & Co.

Steam-ship Huntsville, Crowell, Savannah Dec. 23, with mdse. and passengers to R. Lowden. Saw a large saloon boat Woodlands, apparently recently gone ashore.

Steam-ship Equator, Bartlett, New-Orleans Dec. 17, and R. W. Pease 18th, with mdse. and passengers to H. R. Higgins.

Steam-ship William P. Clyde, Dyer, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Washington & Co.

Steam-ship Palmyra, (N. G.,) Kolin, Hamburg 10 ds., with mdse. and 70 passengers to Kerr, Hyde & Co.

Ship Preston, (of Boston,) Tilton, Penang Sept. 22, with mdse. to W. Baker.

Ship Nimrod, (of London,) Lowther, Manila May 21, via Mauritius Oct. 15, with mdse. to F. R. Morgan's sons.

Ship Howden, (Br.,) Ditchburn, Boston 10 ds., in ballast to Astell & Tutte.

Ship Cyrene, (of Newcastle,) Wallace, Calcutta and Saugor Sept. 1, with mdse. to J. D. Wood & Co.

Ship Clytha, (of Aberdeen,) Stewart, Akyab Aug. 4, lat. 2 N., lon. 33 W., signalized ship Clytha, from Colombo for Adm. 20 ds. out; same date, lat. 2 40 N., lon. 31 W., W. P. Q. R., from London for Calcutta, 31 ds. out.

Bark Union, (of Arichat,) Renault, Port Caledonia, C. B., 14 ds., with coal to Geo. H. Brewer—vessel to master. Was 7 days in the ice.

Bark Argus, (Nor.,) Steen, Arendasm 57 ds., with pig-iron to R. Irwin & Co.—vessel to Tetens & Boesmann.

Brig Curacoa, (of Windsor, N. S.,) Bolen, Curacoa 15 ds., with phosphate, &c., to Joseph Foulke's Sons.

Bark James Welsh, (of Belize, Hon.,) Hammond, Martinique 24 ds., with sugar to T. T. & F. A. Dwight & Co.

Bark Capitol Conrad, (Ital.,) Conelli, Waterford 36 ds., in ballast to H. Sweetland & Co.

Bark St. Peter's, Bartlett, Charleston 12 ds., with mdse. to Byrne, Hall & Co.—vessel to S. C. Lord & Co.

Bark Johann Engels, (Belg.,) Landau, Antwerp 39 ds., with mdse. to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Resurrezione, (Ital.,) Ponzo, Liverpool 70 ds., with coal to order—vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Francesco, (Ital.,) Matarazzo, Cardiff 40 ds., with railroad iron to order—vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Brig Mona Bay, Crosby, Darien, Ga., 6 ds., with lumber to I. M. Lizzard & Co.—vessel to S. C. Lord & Co.

Brig Thos. Farrell, (of New-Haven,) Thompson, Arecibo, P. R., 15 ds., with molasses to Low, Dix & Co.

Schooner J. Lee, Lee, for New-York, sldg.; passed going in, brig Mary Crowell.

Schr. Miss, (Norw.,) Gundersen, West Hartlepool 20 ds., with mdse to Briggs & Co.—vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Brig Nellie, Owens, Fajardo, P. R., 24 ds., with molasses to Galway & Casals—vessel to Roche Bros & Co.

Brig Wilcox Smith, (of Pugwash, N. S.,) Sutton, Cape Hayti 28 ds., with lumber to R. Mortell, Jr.—vessel to D. S. Gregory & Co.

Brig Unity, (Prus.,) Reimer, Fernandina 11 ds., with lumber to Wm. Brown & Co.

Brig Ocean Wave, (Br.,) Hall, Turks Island 21 ds., with salt to master. Dec. 23, lat. 29 N., lon. 79 W., signaled a British bark showing G. W. P. L. Dean Monks, for Greek Navy, 9 days out.

Brig Tyne Packet, (of Bermuda,) Weaver, Tampico, Mexico, for Philadelphia, with sarsaparilla, &c., to Cunningham & Sons. Was bound to Philadelphia, but could not enter. Was towed over by vessel of heavy draft. Coasting vessel saw two masts ashore on Florida Reef. The T. P. is anchored off Sandy Hook.

Brig Eugene, (of Middleton,) Hodges, Pernambuco 28 ds., with sugar to Master & Co.

Brig Grosmere, (of St. Thomas,) W. G.) Macomber, Sale Key, T. I., 14 ds., with salt to P. Nickerson—vessel to Peniston & Co.

Schr. R. M. Atwood, (of Harwich,) Doane, Mayaguez, P. R., 13 ds., with oranges to Dolmer, Potter & Co.—vessel to R. J. Wenberg. Left in port schr. Riccardo, Barnes, for New-York in 10 ds.

Schr. Hattie Haskell, Young, Aux Cayes 14 ds., with logwood to Miller & Houseman.

Schr. Abbie H. Brown, Allewell, Fall River, 1 day. Has 25 cw. York, and schr. Isaac Oliver, just arrived.

Schr. M. A. Wilson, Haley, Greytown, Nic., 30 ds., with hides, &c., to Simeon Reed—vessel to C. E. Staple & Co. Dec. 16, lat. 20 27, lon. 78 ??, passed bark Oriental (Br.) from Charleston, for Liverpool.

Schr. Daylight, (of Bath,) McFadden, Mayaguez, P. R., 13 ds., with sugar to Chas. H. Grifin—vessel to H. Weinberg.

Schr. Sea Dog, Allen, Jacksonville, Fla., 10 ds., with lumber to J. Bardier & Co.—vessel to Simpson & Clapp.

Schr. Thos. P. Ball, Ryder, Indianola 12 ds., with hides and wool to Evans, Ball & Co. Dec. 18, off Jupiter Inlet, saw ship Crescent City, from New-Orleans for Havre; same time bark Lavaca, of and for Liverpool.

Schr. Abby Wesson, Lord, Jacksonville, Fla., 6 ds., with lumber to P. Nelson—vessel to Winchester & Towne.

Schr. S. Stockman, Pierce, Wilmington, N. C., 3 ds., with naval stores to Murray, Ferris & Co.—vessel to J. W. Elwell & Co.

Schr. Curtis Elkins, Thompson, Baltimore, for Providence.

Schr. Oliver Dyer, Faulkner, Baltimore 3 ds., with stone to Lane & Scott—vessel to S. C. Lord & Co.

Schrs. R. M. Mosher, Mowers, Virginia, for Boston.

Schrs. May Flower, Johnson, Virginia, for New-Haven.

Schr. G. A. Johnson, Harris, Washington, N. C., 8 ds., with naval stores to W. H. Hingham.

Schr. E. H. Bates, Avery, Baltimore, for New-Haven.

Schr. Sarah W. Burnell, Burnell, Baltimore, for New-London.

Schr. Oliver Scofield, Dingwey, Baltimore 3 ds., with coal to Bronson Steam-ship Co.

Schr. J. M. Richardson, Morrison, Baltimore 4 ds., with coal to American Coal Co.

Schr. Katie J. Hoyt, Hoyt, Baltimore, for New-Haven.

Schr. Thomas Rose, Somers, Baltimore, for Bridgeport.

Schr. Olive, Reynolds, Jacksonville 9 ds., with lumber. Is bound to Providence.

Schr. Ada Ames, Davis, Port Johnson, for Boston.

Schr. Mansfield Adams, Cox, for Portland.

WIND—Sunset, light, N. E.; cloudy.

By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Arr. 25th, steamer Achilles, Philadelphia; barks Switzerland, Bombay; Stagarelli, Genoa; brig Carrie Bertha, Leith.

Arr. 26th, steamers McClellan, Baltimore; Neptune, New-York; ship John Tennyson, Manilla; barks W. W. Pendleton, Newport; brigs Eveline, Van Schroeder, Archangel; Creole, Malaga; Superior, Capt Hayden; Antelope, Mobile; Star, Pensacola; John E. Haskell, Pensacola; schr. Mary E. Jones, Rappahannock.

Sailed, 26th, brig Navarino, Sonne for New-York, and back for examination, having struck on Hardings Ledge.

Arr. at N. Y., Steamers Oriental, from Savannah, and Norman, from Philadelphia; ship Jessie, from Liverpool; barks D. H. Hills, from New-Orleans; Bridget, from Singapore; Emma F. Harriman, from Bombay; brig Arthur Eugene, from Gorce, and Perth, (Nor.)

Bark D. H. Hills, from New-Orleans, reports spoken, Nov. 21, in lat. 29 30 N., lon. 46 12, British brig Life Brigade, 120 ds. from Queenstown for New-York, with loss of boat and the crew on board with exception of 3, supplied with provisions by the brig Carrie Bertha, of Boston.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Dec. 26.—Arr. bark Traveller and brig Gipsey, from Rio, for orders.

Arr. 26th, Sch. P. McGuigan, from Turk's Island, for orders. Lost foremast head, maintopmast, split sails, &c., on the 12th inst. in a gale.

Passed in for Baltimore, ship Annapolis, from Liverpool; bark New Orleans, and brig Mary Rice, from Rio; brig Amalia Ellis, from Matanzas; schr. Arctic, from St. John's; brig Lena, and a Norwegian bark.

LEWES, Del., Dec. 26.—Arr. schrs. May and Everlyn, from New-York.

The Francis Cassedy, from Savannah for New-York, full of water, was towed up from Chincoteague by a steamer.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Dec. 26.—The steamer Juniata, from Havana, arr. here at 1 A. M. yesterday.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26.—Arr. barks Commodia, from St. John, Porto Rico; Valkyria, from Dublin; Narragansett, from Rotterdam; Abraham Young, from Havre; Gertrude, from Havana. Brig Olaus, from Rio de Janeiro; Florida Maria, from Cienfuegos. Cld. steam-ship Virgo, for New-York; schr. Conservative, for Boston; bark Alabama, for Doboy.

Spoken.

Nov. 26, by ship Fearless, 12 lat. 5 01 S., lon. 29 33 W., bark (Genoa) De Stora, (Dutch,) from Rotterdam for Rio Janeiro 30 days, in lat. 34 S., lon. 9 00 W.

Ship R. C. Blanchard, from Cardiff, for Rio Janeiro and Callao, Dec. 5, lat. 12 01 N., lon. 24 05 W., bark Jamaica, (Br.,) from Glasgow, for Demerara, 42 ds. out; Dec. 22, lat. 4 30 N., lon. 48 30 W., ship Continental, from New-Orleans, for Liverpool, 16 ds. out.

No date, by brig Zingara, lat. 36 40, lon. 70, spoke bark Maria Angelo, (Ital.,) from Para, for New-York.

Dec. 19, by bark N. Tex. 78, spoke brig Helen, (of Boston,) for Hampton Roads; same date, &c., French, bark Maggie, bound E.

Dec. 1, by bark Brage, in lat. 20 24, lon. 40 40, bark Stefanino, (Ital.,) from Leghorn for New-York.

Miscellaneous.

Brig Mary M. Bennett, (of Richmond,) Vermilia, Bristol, via Newport, for Saulla, Ga., which went ashore night of 23d inst., in a dense fog, at Long Branch, was got off on the 24th, at 7 A. M., by the Coast Wrecking Company's steamer Young, and brought to the basin of the Co. at Staten Island. The M. B. R. is leaking 8 inches per hour, and received other slight damages.

The bark Hamilton, (Sw.,) from Kennebunk yesterday, will load for California in C. Canestesk's line.

The bark Unione, (Ital.,) reported arr. yesterday from Palermo, was an error.

Foreign Marine News.

CHRISTIANSAND, Norway, Dec. 26.—The Baltic Lloyd steam-ship Hamburg, Capt. Brandes, from New-York Dec. 10, has arrived, and proceeded to destination.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—The Inman steam-ship City of Paris, Capt. Birchmore, from New-York Dec. 16, arr. at this port at 11 o'clock Sunday night, and shortly after proceeded for Liverpool.

The White Star steam-ship Atlantic, Capt. Parry, from New-York Dec. 16, for Liverpool, touched at this port yesterday and proceeded.

The Cunard steam-ship Cambria, Capt. Mellichen, from New-York Dec. 16, arr. at this port at 8 A. M. yesterday, en route to Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 26.—The Inman line steam-ship Sarmatian, from Portland for Liverpool, touched at this port yesterday and proceeded.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 26.—The North German Lloyd steam-ship Rhein, Capt. Meyer, from New-York Dec. 10, arr. at this port to-day, en route to Bremen.

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CONDITION OF THE
ANDES,
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Insurance Companies,
As audited by the following Insurance Departments:
Audit by New-York Insurance Department, R. E. Sickles, Examiner, Dec. 12, 13 and 14, 1871:

AUDIT OF
Andes Insurance Company.

Chicago Losses Paid up to Dec. 15, 1871 - - - - - - $626,810 41
Other Losses paid from Jan. 1, 1871, to Dec. 1, 1871 - - - - - 582,951 44
Total - - - - - $1,209,761 85

Total Assets Dec. 15, 1871, after Payment of above Losses.

Cash on hand, in bank and in transit	$404,822 58
Bonds, U. S., State, City and County, market value	399,560 85
Collateral Loans and Accrued Interest	126,500 00
First Mortgage Bonds	462,819 53
Bills Receivable, and Second and Third Assessment Notes, (First Paid)	382,420 55
Book Accounts, Premiums and Agency Balances	116,974 15
Railroad Bonds and other Investments	91,215 00
Total - - - -	$1,982,312 46

LIABILITIES.

Losses in process of adjustment and all other Liabilities, including Chicago	$398,365 00
Net Assets Dec 15, 1871	$1,583,947 46

Funds separate and distinct from Amazon and Triumph Insurance Companies.

AUDIT OF
Amazon Insurance Company,
SAME TIME AND PARTY.

Capital all paid in Oct. 1, 1871	$500,000 00

NO CHICAGO LOSSES.
First Agency Appointed Oct. 19, 1871.

Gross Surplus above Capital for 60 days' business	$232,982 55

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, in Bank, and in hands of Agents	$231,077 30
First Mortgages on Ohio Property, worth twice the amount loaned	303,600 00
United States Bonds, market value	66,725 12
Accrued Interest, not yet due	10,540 37
Bills Receivable (notes taken for Hull premiums)	26,517 75
Office Furniture, Iron Safes, Desks, Cases, new and permanent Office Fixtures	7,497 32
Total Assets	$732,982 56

LIABILITIES.

Losses—Fire—Adjusted and not paid—None.	
Losses—Fire—In process of adjustment	39,956 10
Inland and Marine, adjusted and not paid—None.	
Inland and Marine, in process of adjustment	10,983 00
All other liabilities, not expending	10,000 00— 61,939 10
Net Assets - - - -	$691,023 36

Funds separate and distinct from Andes or Triumph Insurance Companies.

AUDIT OF
Triumph Insurance Company,
SAME TIME AND PARTY.

Capital all paid in Oct. 1, 1871	$500,000 00

NO CHICAGO LOSSES.
First Agency Appointed Oct. 12, 1871.

Gross Surplus above Capital for 60 days' business	234,085 00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, in Bank, and in hands of Agents	$251,904 47
First Mortgages on Ohio Property, worth twice the amount loaned	302,325 67
United States Bonds—Market Value	69,606 87
Accrued Interest—Not yet due	9,270 83
Bills Receivable, (Notes for Hull Premiums)	17,156 66
Office Furniture, Iron Safes, Desks, Cases, New and Permanent Office Fixtures	3,842 47
Total Assets	$734,085 00

LIABILITIES.

Losses—Fire—Adjusted and not Paid—None.	
Losses—Fire—In Process of Adjustment	$14,816 27
Inland and Marine, Adjusted and Not Paid—None.	
Inland in Process of Adjustment	19,770 73
All Other Liabilities not Expending	10,000 00— 43,587 00
Net Assets - - -	$697,498 00

Funds separate and distinct from Andes and Amazon Insurance Companies.

Net Assets Andes, Amazon and Triumph Insurance Companies, Dec. 15, 1871.

$2,972,448 82.

JAMES H. GODMAN, State Auditor of Ohio, has also personally examined the condition of these Companies, devoting almost a week's time to such duty.

GEORGE W. SARGENT, Attorney for Massachusetts Insurance Department, has likewise personally examined the condition of these Companies since the Chicago fire.

On account of the public distrust of insurance companies, arising from the Chicago fire and gross calumnies and detractions circulated by a spirited opposition, the above facts are published.

J. B. BENNETT, President.

J. H. BEATTIE, Secretary Andes.
B. D. WEST, Secretary Amazon and Triumph.
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